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SUBJECT: JOINT WEEKA No. 53

REF :

1. Chou Hung-Ching Given Exit Permit
2. Police Agency Report on JCP
3. Defense Budget Approved
4. Public Opinion Poll on JSDF
5. JMSDF Flag Officer Promotions and Retirements

POLITICAL1. Chou Hung-Ching Given Exit Permit

One-time ChiCom defector CHOU Hung-Ching in December 27 interview with GOJ officials formally restated his desire to return to mainland. Chou was issued exit permit January 1. FonOff has informed Embassy confidentially that Chou plans to leave about January 6 or 7 but that plans are being kept secret because GOJ fears his departure may be signal for demonstrations. Until Chou leaves Japan he is being cared for by Tokyo Overseas Chinese Association (Communist) which is planning to use Chou for propaganda purposes at dinners and other functions.

Vice FonMin SHIMA December 28 informed Chinese Charge CHANG Pe-chin of Chou's final decision to return to mainland and of GOJ determination to accede to his wishes. Charge and three top-ranking ChiEmb officers left Tokyo on orders January 2, leaving Embassy in charge of First Secretary WU Yu-liang, Chief of Consular Section.

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Chinese Embassy "cannot confirm" January 3 radio reports of additional withdrawals. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOJ officials continue apprehensive about possible reprisals. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Police Agency Report on JCP

National Police Agency (NPA) year-end report on JCP, released December 27, estimated current membership at 130,000, or some 26,000 greater than figure at end 1962. Also reported daily Akahata circulation up 20,000 to 150,000, and Sunday edition up 240,000 to 550,000. Report noted Communist gains in local election in April and in November general election, when Party won 1,646,000 votes, or 4.0% of national ballot; attributed growth of JCP to sharpened ideological conflict with JSP and heightened intensity of Sino-Soviet dispute, in context of which JCP receiving increased financial aid from Chicoms. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: NPA year-end report is customarily timed to hit press during final budget hearings; accordingly, is designed to emphasize growth of Communist menace. However, while membership figures may be slightly inflated, JCP has clearly made substantial gains during 1963 and largely for reasons stated. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. Defense Budget Approved

Finance Ministry on December 29 approved 764.4 million dollar defense budget, representing increase of 14.1% over 1963. GSDF received 301.1 million (255.0 million last year), ASDF 245.2 million (vs. 221.0 million), and MSDF 161.3 million (vs. 145.0 million). Overall appropriation also included 18.0 million for other departments in JDA and 38.6 million dollars for defense-related items. Increase is roughly same as last year's and is sufficient to cover little more than inflationary rise in costs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although possibility of increase exists in supplemental budget to be submitted in late calendar '64, because of inflationary trends budget will result only slight increase in Japan's defense effort during next fiscal year. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Public Opinion Poll on JSDF

Recent public opinion poll conducted by Cabinet Public Information Office sampled opinions of 3,000 persons throughout nation concerning strength of and attitude toward JSDF. Poll results show increase over 1959 and 1961 surveys in number of people endorsing necessity to maintain defense forces and usefulness US-Japan Security Treaty (ST). Of those polled, 76% (versus

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64% in 1959) felt maintenance of defense forces "necessary" or "satisfactory"; and 37% (versus 33% in 1959) felt ST useful. Public image SDF personnel on rise (70% favorable versus 64% in 1959). Percentage favoring increasing strength defense forces outweighed percentage favoring decrease, but majority answering considered present size optimum. (UNCLASSIFIED)

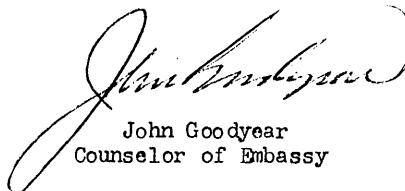
Comment: Despite smallness of sample and large number "don't know" responses which might throw off precise measure of popular opinion, results clearly show improvement public attitude toward JSDF and ST. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. JMSDF Flag Officer Promotions and Retirements

JMSDF promoted 4 captains to rear admiral, and RADM Suetsugu NOMURA, DepDir. Tech Research Institute, to vice admiral, effective January 1. VADM Hiroshi ISHIWATA, former Dep Chief, Maritime Staff, and RADM Masuhiko YAMAMOTO retired effective December 31. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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1. "Defector" Chou Leaves Japan for Communist China
2. LDP Still Planning Early Normalization of Relations with ROK
3. Media Reaction to State of Union Message
4. Peking Opera Opens in Tokyo

POLITICAL

1. "Defector Chou Leaves Japan for Communist China."

CHOU Hung-ching, erstwhile "defector" from ComChina to SovUnion and/or GRC (WEEKA 1, Item 1) finally left Osaka November 9 for Dairen after three months and two days in Japan. GOJ had kept Chou in Japan through various devices for over 10 weeks after he had voiced his decision return to mainland, in effort find way to repatriate him which would also be satisfactory to GRC. Failing this, GOJ issued exit permit January 1; actual departure, however, was delayed still further by refusal several ship owners give Chou passage for fear GRC naval action or boycott of their vessels.

Against this background, FonMin OHIRA told press on January 8 that former PriMin YOSHIDA had agreed go to Taiwan to discuss with President CHIANG Kai-shek broad questions GOJ-GRC relations. Ohira made clear, however, Yoshida would not discuss Chou case or specific GOJ decisions such as vinylon plant sale to ComChina. Ohira also said GRC leaders being informed of this proposal through private, not

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diplomatic channels. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ decision permit Chou leave was only one possible in view legal considerations and Chou's own wishes. Decision send Yoshida (if Chiang, who reportedly respects him, agrees) is major effort to placate Chiang and convince him of GOJ concern that break in relations would harm anti-Communist strength in Asia. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. LDP Still Planning Early Normalization of Relations with ROK

Draft of 1964 LDP Policy Objectives, which will be considered at Party convention January 16 - 17 (1963 WEEKA 52, Item 4), includes statement that normalization of relations with ROK is vital to security and prosperity of Asia and that, while Japan must stick by its just demands, concessions and decisive action by both sides necessary in order reach agreement.

LDP Vice President Bamboku OHNO said January 8 ROK-GOJ talks could be concluded by end of February and noted that ROK had reduced its request for fisheries loans from \$178 million to \$100 million. (GOJ figure is \$30 million.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: FonOff still studying latest reports concerning enlarged ROK negotiating mission under KIM Yong-shik and new Korean negotiating instructions; has not commented as yet. LDP political leaders, however, are attempting prepare public for early settlement even at cost of some compromise. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

3. Media Reaction to State of Union Message

Japanese media gave top position to President Johnson's State of Union message in both news coverage and editorial reaction, all registering strong approval. Most prominent attention given to reduction of uranium production, determination to make world free of war, free for diversity. Ten-point program and promise of new disarmament proposals greeted unanimously. Full texts were carried every major paper, with total estimated circulation well over fifteen million copies. Speech carefully reviewed via nationwide television-radio. Many noted emergence of Johnson's own personality in both style and program. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This unusually heavy play is almost without precedent. President's individual style has lifted him out of "successor role" and has clearly established him as able world leader in own right. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Peking Opera Opens in Tokyo

Eighty-member Peking Opera Troupe No. 4, brought to Japan by Art Friend Association and Yomiuri Shimbun, in cooperation with Japan-China Cultural Exchange Society (Nitchu Bunka Koryu Kyokai), opened January 4 at Tokyo Culture Hall (Tokyo Bunka Kaikan) with presentations of classical Peking opera. After

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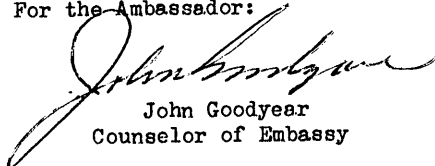
eight additional performances in Tokyo, troupe will perform in Osaka, Kobe, Hiroshima, and Fukuoka. Performances were preceded by considerable press coverage, with particular attention given to youthful character of troupe (performers range between 19 and 27). No post-performance comment has yet appeared. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Performances are intended to provide additional evidence to Japanese that mainland government is "guardian of China's cultural heritage. (1963 WEEKA 36, Item 5). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)


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POLITICAL

1. LDP Convention Ducks Reform Issue

Possibility of serious controversy at LDP Convention January 16-17 vanished when Convention planners decided shelve prickly reform issues. Prickliest one of all, implementation of MIKI Reform Committee recommendation that selection of Party President in effect be turned over to committee of Party elders (WEEKA 52, Item 4) had little chance of adoption once it became clear that criteria for composition of selection committee would ensure automatic majority against presidential aspirant Eisaku SATO. With Sato's rival Ichiro KONO, for other reasons, also dubious about this reform, it got thumbs down at last LDP Executive Board meeting. More regrettable was shelving of draft LDP Labor Charter and Basic Charter, whose adoption would have significant step toward liberalization and modernization of LDP in policy field. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Comment: Failure change rules for presidential election virtually ensures that next July's convention, at which Ikeda up for re-election, will be held by old rules--namely, law of factional jungle--despite superficial abolition of factions. This does not necessarily hurt Ikeda's chances, but delay in modernizing Party is regrettable. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Relations with Indonesia

Indonesian President SUKARNO arrived Tokyo from Manila and Phnom Penh Jan. 15 for "informal visit" scheduled to end Jan. 18 or 19. He discussed Indonesian policy toward Malaysia with PriMin IKEDA Jan. 16, and scheduled meetings with FonMin OHIRA, Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Ambassador Jones on following days. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ hopes Sukarno can be persuaded abandon military aspects confrontation policy and kept out of Communist camp with economic measures. Uncertain exactly what GOJ has in mind in order accomplish objective. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Chou Hung-Ching Arrives on Mainland

CHOU Hung-Ching arrived in Dairen Jan. 12, closing one chapter in GOJ-GRC relations. GRC Jan. 11 announced it stopping purchases from Japan by Government and Government-owned enterprises; FonMin OHIRA reportedly told Cabinet that GOJ plans no retaliatory measures. Demonstrators broke into Japanese Embassy Taipei Jan. 14. Ambassador KIMURA delivered protest. Idea of sending former PriMin YOSHIDA to explain Japanese policy and commitments to GRC (WEEKA No. 2, Item 1) not further discussed, but plan not completely dropped; some LDP and GOJ officials oppose Yoshida visit on grounds it might be construed as apology for returning Chou to mainland. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

GOJ, in effort to prevent further deterioration in relations, has kept reaction to minimum. Press comment re latest incidents has been limited and mild; most commentaries on Chou case have criticized GOJ for delaying Chou's return. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: GOJ and Japanese press have shown considerable restraint so far, but point is drawing near where additional anti-Japanese measures by GRC might overstep bounds of Japanese public's tolerance and force GOJ show impatience. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ROK-GOJ Talks Resume

First SUGI-PAE meeting of new year held Jan. 9 and fisheries sub-committee met Jan. 10. ROK delegates said they had been given greater negotiating

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authority and expressed hope talks could be accelerated. However, at these and subsequent meetings no concrete proposals made. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: FonOff, while appreciative ROKG efforts obtain Korean public support for normalization relations and hopeful for final settlement this spring, is waiting to see whether new Korean fisheries proposals will permit rapid progress. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Danish Foreign Minister's Visit

FonMin HAEKKERUP and wife arrived January 12 for one week's official visit which included audience with Emperor and talks with PriMin and FonMin.

Haekkerup's talks with FonMin focussed on East-West developments and situation in Far East. Foreign Office told us that Haekkerup, who recently visited USSR, believes that fundamental Soviet foreign policy objectives remain unchanged despite Sino-Soviet rift and cold war thaw. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None

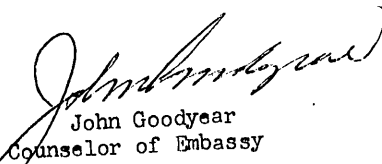
6. Diplomatic Changes

Takezo SHIMODA, formerly Japanese Ambassador to Belgium, departed Jan. 15 to his post as Ambassador in Moscow. He will also be accredited as Minister to Rumania.

New UK Ambassador, Sir Francis Rundall, arrived December 24, and presented credentials to Emperor January 16. (Delay incurred by intervening holidays) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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POLITICAL

1. Spotlight on China Policy as Diet Reconvenes

Coincidence of announcement of French moves toward recognition of Communist China (Item 2) with reopening of Diet after New Year recess caused attention to be focused on foreign policy and

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especially China policy implications of PriMin IKEDA's and FonMin OHIRA's policy speeches January 21 and opening interpellations January 23. In carefully-weighted words Ikeda and Ohira made it clear Japan would not be caught off guard by French action, would continue "friendly relations with GRC on one hand and trading with China mainland on private basis in accordance with principle of separation of economic from political matters on other hand." (Ikeda).

Speeches also ~~signs of~~ welcomed/continuation of trend toward detente under President Johnson, but Ikeda reminded listeners that detente made possible by display in Cuba crisis of "firm defense line-up of free nations, including Japan." Both addresses pledged continuation of efforts toward such familiar objectives as ROK-Japan normalization, ratification of ILO Convention 87, and referred with pride to Japan's forthcoming accession to OECD, its participation in GATT negotiations on "Kennedy Round," and next Spring's UN Trade Development Conference. Speakers indicated Japan hopes expand its assistance to emerging nations beyond narrow confines of economic and technical aid, in direction of peace corps-type of program, with political and cultural exchanges as well.

Initial Socialist interpellations, while sharply attacking GOJ on China and ROK policies, etc., contained no surprises; Ikeda and Ohira not only stuck by their guns, but in a pre-arranged exchange with LDP member ex-FonMin Zentaro KOSAKA, Ikeda reiterated GOJ determination iron out "various misunderstandings" with GRC, reaffirmed GOJ's gratitude for CHIANG Kai-shek's "magnanimity" at end of last war. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ikeda's speech unusually well received, apparently being regarded as less pedestrian, less prosaic than is common with these prepared policy papers. Fortrightness of stand on China policy is encouraging testimony to progress Japan has made toward position of anti-Communist responsibility under Ikeda's low-keyed leadership. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. General Reaction to De Gaulle's Decision to Recognize CPR

News of DeGaulle's decision recognize CPR generated intense activity within government and was subject wide media interest. Not only did both PriMin Ikeda and FonMin Ohira refer to GOJ China policy in speeches to Diet January 21 (Item 1), but also JSP, as expected, welcomed French move and called on GOJ to send official representative to Peiping immediately to discuss normalization relations, a demand which Ikeda summarily rejected. Press reports LDP leaders have differed with each other along lines already

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drawn in discussing China trade policy, with MATSUMURA and TAKASAKI leading those favoring normalization relations with CPR; OHNO, FUNADA, SATO, KISHI and ISHII resisting this tendency and emphasizing relations with GRC, while others talked of necessity move carefully, the policy being pursued by government.

One important factor in Japanese reaction was eloquent stand of Belgian FonMin SPAAK (Item 8) in remarks at Foreign Correspondents Club on January 22, deploring France's failure to consult her NATO partners before deciding to recognize Communist China. Although not critical of need to face up to realities, Spaak said French decision was untimely and contrary to agreed consultative procedures under NATO. He referred to Red China as one of most aggressive countries in the Communist bloc. (Spaak is highly respected in Japan, and his remarks were reported prominently and fully in press.)

With exception Yomiuri, which advocating pursuing French example, press has generally advocated caution in approaching issue, with several noting that care should be taken to preserve GOJ-GRC relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ obviously greatly concerned about French move. Japanese opinion, both official and public, generally favors eventual "One China, One Taiwan" solution, but difficulties reaching such point generally recognized. Both official and public opinion will be greatly influenced by GRC reaction present situation and also by U. S. response. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Attorney General Kennedy Concludes Tokyo Visit

Attorney General Kennedy left Tokyo for Korea January 18 after concluding series conferences with Indonesian President SUKARNO, Japanese PriMin Ikeda and others in effort head off Indonesian confrontation of Malaysia and pave way for trilateral talks. Visit was leading news in Japanese press (see Item 7), which filled with speculation regarding possibilities of success. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kennedy-Ikeda consultation was prominently played by news media, served to strengthen U. S. -Japan "partnership" image, to emphasize U. S. respect for Japan's role in Asian affairs, and thereby, incidentally, to strengthen Ikeda's political position. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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JSP/Sohyo-sponsored demonstration and rally January 19 against stationing F-105D's at Yokota was major flop. According to police, rally drew 4,700, and demonstration parade only 3,700, as contrasted 35,000 participants sponsors had hoped for. JCP planning separate demonstration at Yokota January 26, at which it hopes for participation of 100,000. JSP has scheduled mammoth "Peace Rally" in Tokyo January 30-31, at which opposition to F-105D's will be one of major slogans. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: January 19 demonstration at Yokota was undoubtedly bitter disappointment to JSP because Communist rivals are almost certain to outdraw them on following Sunday. If JSP/Sohyo-organized mass movement demonstrations persistently fall considerably below participation in JCP rallies, JSP will come under strong, possibly irresistible, pressure to resume "united front" arrangements with JCP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ROK-Japan Talks at Standstill

Leaders on both sides past week have publicly expressed determination push talks forward toward early agreement, but no progress made yet in negotiating sessions. Koreans have not given indication when enlarged delegation to be headed by former FonMin KIM Yong-shik will be formed, and fisheries delegates have presented no new proposals. GOJ FonMin Ohira told LDP Foreign Affairs Research Council January 22 that GOJ would not agree to exclusive zone (in which Koreans only could fish) which would extend more than 12 miles from Korean coast. Ohira also said GOJ would not provide grants or soft loans for fisheries purposes, since financial settlement agreed upon in principal is already onerous, but proposed \$10 million commercial loans annually for few years to assist development Korean fisheries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Annual \$10 million commercial loan presents new twist, but in substance positions of both sides remain about what they were year ago. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. DSP Convention

Democratic Socialist Party's annual convention will be held Tokyo January 25-27, in buoyant atmosphere which has pervaded DSP since Party's surprising gain of six Diet seats in November general election. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Party Leadership, which earlier was criticized by dissi-

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dents as "antiquated," is now on much firmer ground as result election "victory" and defeat at polls of anti-mainstream leader Tetsu KATAYAMA. Principal officers (NISHIO, ITO, NISHIMURA) virtually assured of re-election. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Attorney General Kennedy Re-visits Waseda

With first public announcement January 14 of Attorney General Kennedy's impending visit to Japan (Item 3), student groups from Waseda University made strong plea for second Waseda visit by Attorney General to address student body. Purpose of invitation was to make amends for now-famous incident when Kennedy was heckled by leftist students in February 1962. Kennedy accepted for January 18, and arrived at campus to find Okuma Hall filled to capacity of 1,500 and upwards of 5,000 more waiting outside in rain. His 20-minute address combined good-humored remarks about his friendship for Waseda, theme of responsibility of educated youth to fight pressing world problems, and thanks for Waseda's previous memorial service for the late President; speech won unprecedented ovation and extraordinarily friendly response. Minseido (Communist-dominated Democratic Youth League) made futile attempt to mar meeting with handbills, posters, and signs, but sponsoring students prevented heckling and kept good order. Two students in balcony lowered sign, "Return Okinawa," but others quickly tore it down, with obvious approval of large majority, and hustled offenders out of hall. Kennedy delighted crowd by joining in singing of Waseda school song. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Net effect was serious setback for Communists in student movement. University authorities, who had been seriously worried over possibility of second heckling incident, were highly pleased with results and will likely gain new confidence in own ability control student leftists. Press, radio, TV coverage presented visit in very favorable light. Kennedy's image here, already strong after 1962 visit, has now grown even stronger and serves as major asset in our relations with college students. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Belgian Royal Visitors

King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola of Belgium arrived Tokyo January 20 for eleven-day state visit. After five days of protocol functions in Tokyo, they left for sightseeing in western Japan; will depart for Hong Kong on January 30. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit, first to Japan by reigning European sovereign, has received favorable media play; from point of view of newsworthiness,

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however, it has been largely overshadowed by public statements of Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak, who accompanying royal couple (Item 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL9. Shakeup at Asahi Shinbun

Asahi Shinbun, most powerful newspaper in Japan, has been scene of bitter internal dispute over whether paper is to be "private newspaper" responsive to dictates of Publisher Nagataka MURAYAMA or "public institution" responsive to collective orders of Asahi upper bureaucracy. Personnel changes announced Tuesday, January 21, are being interpreted as first step in resolving this dispute in favor of bureaucrats. Board of Directors has accepted resignation of Murayama (who owns 42% of stock) as president, and Seiichi UENO (23% of stock) as Chairman of Board; both continue as board members. Managing editor Teruhiko KIMURA, who was banished to Hokkaido a week ago has now been reinstated. Tomoo HIROOKA, former managing editor who was exiled to Fukuoka after 1960 Security Treaty demonstrations, has returned as managing director. Daizo NAGAI, circulation genius who instigated bureaucrats' revolt, continues to remain out, but his five chief deputies have been invited back into organization. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Asahi editors and reporters in private conversation with Embassy insist that these moves do not herald change in editorial line, which continues to show increasing sympathy for U.S. policies. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY10. JMSDF Training Fleet to Visit US/Canada in '64

Officers of Maritime Staff Office (MSO) briefed NAVA officers, Canadian Naval Attache, and MAAG on JMSDF Training Fleet's 1964 training cruise itinerary on January 21. Fleet, under command of RADM Kazutoshi KUHARA will consist of 4 destroyers (TERUZUKI, ARIAKE, YUGURE, MAKINAMI) and 1,200 personnel (including 175 trainees). Itinerary (tentative) is: Depart Tokyo July 16; Pearl Harbor July 31 - August 3; San Francisco August 11 - 15; Seattle August 19 - 23; Esquimalt, B.C. August 26 - 30; Vancouver, B.C. August 30 - September 2; Pearl Harbor September 12 - 14; Honolulu September 14 - 16; return to Yokosuka September 30. Some 20 Defense Agency officials and newspaper correspondents will accompany Training Fleet. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Visit to U.S. in 1964 will be first since 1961. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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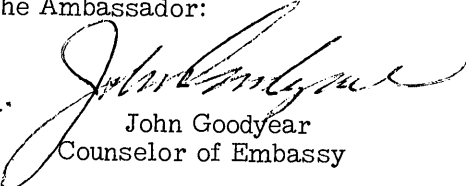
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11. JMSDF Destroyer Escort, Oi, Commissioned


First of two Destroyer Escorts to be completed under JFY 1961 shipbuilding program was delivered to JMSDF January 22 at Commissioning Ceremonies held Maizuru. The 1500-ton Oi, built by Maizuru Heavy Industries Co., is also first JMSDF vessel to be equipped with BOFORS rocket-launching system. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This brings number of JMSDF DEs to nine. It is expected that Oi will be in service by the end of February, assigned to Ominato Regional District. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL1. Joint Committee Meets

Third meeting of Joint Committee on Trade and Economics attended by Secretaries of State, Commerce, Labor, Chairman of CEA and other U.S. officials, was held in Tokyo January 27-28. Meeting, originally scheduled for late November and postponed because of assassination of President Kennedy, preempted attention of nation and virtually eclipsed Diet, despite lowered level of American representation. Unself-conscious recognition of political importance of meeting and uninhibited exchange of views on political as well as economic matters of international importance marked significant difference from 1961 meeting at Hakone, perhaps providing measure of Japan's rate of growth in psychological, political sphere.

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Coincidence of French announcement of recognition of Peking provided unparalleled opportunities for private consultation and public airing of respective views on subject, and these opportunities were fully and effectively used. Secretary Rusk's forthright and unequivocal statements of U.S. position on relations with Communist China, trade with Cuba, etc., coupled with acknowledgment of Japan's right to differ, were generally well received in context this meeting. IKEDA and ForMin OHIRA, while stressing that Japan's China policy is its own to determine, nevertheless continued to emphasize firmness of ties with Taiwan, lack of need for Japan to be in hurry to "get aboard French bus". (Items 2 and 3) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Meeting helped allay fears new U.S. Administration might forget about Japan. By calling attention to Japan's progress toward equality in relations with U.S. and reaffirming solidarity of U.S. alliance, meeting raised prestige of GOJ (and Ikeda) in eyes of public. Attitudes of Japanese people on China question, as in so many other respects, have definitely moved to right in last few years, permitting very broad public acceptance of GOJ policy which adheres to established principles of expanding commercial-base trade, avoiding unacceptable political entanglements, and supporting integrity of Taiwan -- so long as it is kept clear there is no kowtowing to America involved. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. GOJ a Partner but an Asian One

Prime Minister Ikeda, at luncheon January 27 for U.S. delegation to Economic Conference, made statement on Japan's role in Asian and world affairs, declaring that it was in cause of world peace and mutual U.S.-Japanese interest that GOJ give as much attention to Asia and Europe as to U.S. He said that potential Communist expansion, intensification of national conflicts, and accentuation of political and economic difficulties have resulted in political upheaval on continental Asia whose impact on Japan is far greater than countries outside Asia can possibly imagine. Japan, he said, is determined contribute to Asian stability and resolved to demonstrate to Asia that welfare state with western standards can be established under free institutions and that free economic system is indispensable for this purpose. Japanese will expand trade in order to strengthen Japan's economy and thus enable Japan contribute to economic development of Asia and world. Japan is resolved to exert its leadership in every possible way to promote in Asia conciliation and cooperation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Speech was major policy statement and clearly pointed up Japanese determination to be fully independent, genuine partner to U.S. and undertake heavier international responsibilities. While presumably designed offset charge of GOJ subservience to U.S. in China policy, remarks had broader significance, representing studied views of Prime Minister, who had personally worked on speech. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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From TOKYO3. Japanese Reaction to French Recognition of Communist China

French move to recognize Communist China was focus of intense attention in Japan and figured largely in conversations between Secretary Rusk and Japanese PriMin and FonMin (Item 1). Official Japanese reaction (made in informal statement by FonOff January 27) continued follow line laid down in Diet policy speech by PriMin January 21 (WEEKA 4, Item 1). PriMin Ikeda in Diet debate January 29 said GOJ recognition Peiping now would be "reck less" act. In January 30 debate, PriMin said U.N. had branded ComChina aggressor in Korean War and that he doubted it is peace-loving nation. Ikeda reportedly has admitted the validity of the inference that the circumstances barring GOJ recognition at this time would be changed by ComChina's seating in the U.N. He has said that Japan would consider recognizing ComChina if it became peaceful and when world opinion would support such recognition. He said he would consult other countries before taking such step.

Media coverage generally cautious and restrained, largely consonant with government statements. Most editorialists noted that Japan's responsibilities in Asia were greater than those of France, and agreed with government that Japan could not blindly follow French lead; importance of good relations with Taiwan was also noted. Most papers emphasized that Japan could not disregard 700 million people across narrow body of water; there was, however, no editorial consensus as to what position Japan should take. Most papers called for further study of situation, although Yomiuri favored early diplomatic relations with mainland. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Government and press obviously greatly concerned over French move and its implications. Caution with which government is moving is indicative of new GOJ awareness of its position of leadership in Asia, its ties with U.S., and its desire to trade with mainland. Press and many within government and political circles would welcome "One China, One Taiwan" policy if it could be contrived. Though overt U.S. pressure would backfire, U.S. position will be of greatest importance in determining future GOJ policy toward relations with mainland and ChiRep question in U.N. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ROK-Japan Relations

PriMin Ikeda, in capacity LDP party president, January 29 invited 11 ROK National Assemblymen (5 DRP and 5 opposition plus leaders), to Japan in gesture designed promote better understanding. Press reports invitation coolly received in Seoul.

Korean Special envoy CHOI Gyu-ha arrived Tokyo, January 25, accompanied by ROK FonOff's NEA Section Chief KIM, to assist in current ROK-Japan negotiations. ROK capture of Japanese fishing boat Jan. 27, however, has created additional impediment to further progress. GOJ has protested seizure and FonOff official has indicated GOJ will refuse to hold further talks if ROK continues seizing fishing vessels. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: No discernible progress in ROK-Japan negotiations during past week; seizure of fishing vessel will make progress more difficult.
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5. DSP Convention

Annual DSP convention (Week 4, Item 6) was held as scheduled January 25-27. As anticipated, Chairman NISHIO, Deputy Chairman ITO, and SecGen NISHIMURA were all returned to office unopposed. Convention reaffirmed without significant change Party's three major policy aims - construction of welfare state, protection of parliamentary democracy, and development of independent diplomatic policy. Perhaps as demonstration of latter, Nishio declared on opening day of meeting that DSP favored GOJ recognition of ComChina and would support ChiCom membership in UN; Party would continue, however, to oppose strongly "Peiping's expansionist policy toward its neighbor states". Final status of GRC, Nishio said, should be determined by plebiscite on Taiwan.

Regarding DSP record in November general election, Nishio refused to acknowledge Party's gains as "great leap forward", said instead they were only "foundation for possible leap forward" in future. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Convention and results of it were routine in all respects. Embassy considers Nishio's point regarding "great leap forward" well taken, accurately put. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. JCP Rally Against F-105-D's at Yokota.

Communist-led demonstration and rally vicinity Yokota AFB (Week 4, Item 4) held January 26 drew crowd of approximately 50,000 (by police estimate) protesting transfer USAF F-105-D aircraft from Itazuke to Yokota. Turnout was only half of JCP's pre-rally prediction, but nonetheless was appreciably better than at similar demonstrations at same site in past (previous high was 35,000 in October 1962 against presence of U.S. bases in Japan).
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Turnout at this rally makes JSP crowd of 3,500 at same place January 19 look sick; may influence JSP back into "unitedfront" arrangement with Communists. Good attendance reflects improved JCP organization and increased membership in mass movement front organizations rather than popular feeling about F-105-D issue as such. Unless GOJ fumbles badly on compensation or noise problems, mass response to or participation in leftist protest activities unlikely reach serious proportions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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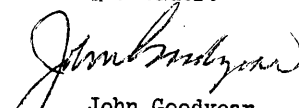
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POLITICAL1. Reaction to French Recognition of Communist China

PriMin and FonMin were subjected during past week to daily interpellations in Lower House Budget Committee about Japanese policy toward ComChina. PriMin's response to these interpellations included statement that GOJ regards GRC, with whom it has concluded peace treaty and established diplomatic relations, as Government of China. Ikeda recognized existence of regime on mainland but said GOJ has no intention of establishing diplomatic relations with that regime for time being. In response to another question PriMin said Japan would recognize ComChina if most countries of world do so and if ComChina is admitted into U.N.

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He said it is a fact, however, that GRC governs Taiwan, adding that he would strive for improvement of GOJ-GRC relations.

Media coverage was less extensive than previous week (Week 5, Item 3) but continued cautious and restrained. In typical editorial, Yomiuri, which has often advocated establishment diplomatic relations with Peiping, questioned sincerity CHOU En-lai's assertion in Somalia that international disputes should be solved through negotiation rather than force, and said that ComChina, while stressing peaceful intentions, has virtually closed door to peaceful talks by making unreasonable demands. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ statements to Diet have been very carefully drafted by FonOff and reflect GOJ concern with future position of Taiwan as well as problems associated with attitude toward Peiping. Editorial comment in public media for the most part has been mature and restrained, reflecting briefings by FonOff of many considerations bearing upon GOJ decisions. Public opinion would accept "One China, One Taiwan" if possible, but tendency at this juncture is to favor closer relations with peiping. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ROK-Japan Agreement this Spring?

Korean Special Envoy Ambassador CHOI Gyu-ha who arrived Tokyo Jan. 25 (Week 5, Item 4), busied himself during past week with interviews with high officials and with American Ambassador in attempts to accelerate negotiations. He expressed hope to Ambassador that negotiations could be completed soon; Ambassador expressed view that substantial agreement needed this month if relations to be normalized this year. At fisheries meeting Feb. 3 delegations were unable agree on procedure to regulate fishing activity within Rhee Line outside 12-mile zone. Press has reported that Agriculture Minister AKAGI has reminded FonMin that fisheries agreement with Korea could have important implication for Japanese fisheries negotiations with other countries and that, therefore, GOJ should make no hasty political decisions during talks. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Discussions now going on in Tokyo are crucial to success of negotiations this year. While substance of differences between two delegations is mainly technical (i.e., best method for regulating fishing in conservation zones), resolution these difficulties may require decisions at political level. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Reply to Khrushchev's January 1 Message

FonOff announced publicly that Japanese Embassy in Moscow will soon deliver GOJ reply to Khrushchev's message of January 1, and that reply includes reminder that Southern Kuriles are "inherently Japanese territory." (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: FonOff told Embassy several weeks ago that it planned to use this occasion to needle Soviets on Kunashiri and Etorofu Islands.
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4. "Residual" Seats for Ryukyuan

In connection with continuing debate on redistribution of Lower House Diet seats to correspond to shifting Japanese population, and with recent request for Diet representation by Ryukyu Legislature, idea of allotting four "residual" Lower House seats to Ryukyus has begun to crop up in media comment and political conversation during past week or ten days. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Proposal likely to be well-received by public and press, as well as by political parties (especially opposition), even though its effect on substance of problems involved in reversion of administrative rights is debatable. As token movement toward reversion, and apparent parallel with "residual sovereignty," step would seem so appealing to average Japanese that GOJ would itself have difficulty perceiving objection to it, let alone holding out against sustained public demand.
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5. Education Ministry Announces New "Moral Education" Guidance

Education Ministry announced February 1 that new Moral Education (Dotoku Kyoiku) guidance program will commence April 1. Announcement was made in connection with publication by Ministry of detailed, graded moral education manuals for use by elementary and middle schoolteachers in classroom work. Total of 800,000 will be distributed to teachers before new April term.

Contents of manuals as described in press indicate that moral education will be considerably more humanistic in tone than pre-war variety (known as shushin), with emphasis on honesty, self-reliance, love of mankind, patriotism, international understanding and other useful "moral principles." This would be in sharp contrast to stress in shushin given to loyalty to Emperor and subservience to the state.

Moral education was re-introduced in Japanese educational system in 1961, but without texts or Ministry supervision. In developing new system, Ministry said it was responding to requests from teachers for guidance. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although leftist Japan Teachers' Union has made some protests, their and other leftist opposition to the manuals has so far been noticeably restrained. In view widely publicized increase in juvenile crime and

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gradual maturing of popular political attitudes, program likely to be welcomed by public at large. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY6. Elevation of Japan Defense Agency to Ministry

Press reports that Chief Cabinet Secretary KUROGANE stated after Cabinet meeting February 4, that Government is carefully studying question of raising status of JDA to ministry. Kurogane's statement gave rise to speculation that Government may introduce such legislation during current Diet session.

Authoritative JDA source confidentially gave opinion February 6 that there is little likelihood such legislation will be introduced during present session. In addition to more pressing issues such as normalization of ROK-Japan relations and LDP presidential elections scheduled for summer, Kurogane and other Government leaders are reported dissatisfied with proposed draft legislation as being too complicated. Objections center on proposed division of authority between PriMin and Defense Minister, and other details of draft bill. PriMin supports Kurogane's objections and decided bill will not be introduced. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Proposal appears once again to be indefinitely postponed. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Two Top Maritime Safety Agency Officials Replaced

MSA DirGen Takao TSUJI and Deputy DirGen Mitsuo SATO were abruptly replaced February 1, when Cabinet approved Tsuji retirement and Sato's transfer back to Transportation Ministry; have held jobs for only six months. New DirGen is Yoshifumi IMAI, former Chief of Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Transportation; he has had prior MSA experience, serving as Chief, Kobe Regional Maritime Safety District. Takeshi ARITA, from Economic Planning Agency (no prior MSA experience) has replaced Sato as DepDirGen. Tsuji told NAVA he was retiring because recently appointed DepMin of Transportation was his junior. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While Tsuji's reason for retirement appears on surface to be logical, it does not explain sudden relief of both top positions. Strong rumors of dissatisfaction over Tsuji's handling of JFY 65 Budget may reflect underlying cause. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Reaction to Taipei-Paris Break

Primin IKEDA and FonMin OHIRA told Diet Committees February 11 that GRC's severance of diplomatic relations with Paris would not affect GOJ policies toward Taiwan. In response to interpellations February 12, FonMin told Diet committee that Japan would consider normalizing diplomatic relations with ComChina if ComChina were admitted into UN with approval of free world as sole government of China. Primin told Diet Committee February 13 that Japan would "normalize" its relations with ComChina when it abandons belligerency, shows willingness cooperate in maintenance world peace and is recognized by majority of nations.

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Press generally considered GRC to have blundered in severing relations with France, believing that (1) GRC delivered Paris from embarrassing situation and (2) by insisting on one China principle and thus forcing other countries to choose between Taipei and Peiping, GRC has created situation in which many countries would probably choose Peiping. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ has adhered to its basic policy of maintaining diplomatic relations with GRC while trading with mainland on basis of separation of trade and politics. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ROK-Japan Talks

Both Koreans and Japanese have informed us that they consider fisheries negotiations held February 7 and 12 to have resulted in modest progress, although question of how to limit Japanese fishing within conservation zones remains major stumbling block.

Former ROK Premier KIM Hyung Chul arrived Tokyo February 12 ostensibly to return courtesies extended by LDP Vice President Bamboko OHNO during visit to Seoul last December (1963 Weeks No. 50, Item 4). According to press, during discussions with FonMin OHIRA February 13 Kim proposed high level political talks to break impasse in fisheries negotiations; Ohira said GOJ would consider proposal. In talk with Finance Minister TANAKA, Kim reportedly asked for positive Japanese economic assistance. Tanaka replied that Japanese investment in Korean industry will be examined on case-by-case basis and that foreign participation in Korean economic development should be a cooperative one centered on IMF rather than undertaken by Japan independently. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Both FonMin and Korean Special Envoy CHOI Gyu-ha have informed us of their desire to conclude normalization talks soon. Although principal stumbling block to fisheries agreement appears to be technical, political conference may be required to move the talks forward. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Swedish Foreign Minister's Visit

Swedish FonMin NILSSON and wife arrived February 8 for 9-day official visit which included talks with PriMin and FonMin, audience with Emperor, and sightseeing trip to the Kansai.

FonOff told us that in his talks with IKEDA and OHIRA, Nilsson was guardedly optimistic about prospects for success of current EWDC meeting in Geneva and of general stability in East-West relations. In review of Asian developments Ohira outlined to Nilsson the special circumstances involved in question of Japan's possible recognition of Chicoms and emphasized need to maintain Asian stability. Questions of

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Japan-Sweden trade were not discussed by Nilsson but were taken up by his subordinates with FonOff counterparts. In otherwise moderate treatment of visit, press highlighted Nilsson's statement to reporters advocating UN membership for ComChina. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: In view current public interest in Chicom question, particular media attention to Nilsson's views on Peking's UN membership was not surprising; however it is doubtful that statement will have much effect in molding Japanese opinion. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. "Residual" Seats for Ryukyus

Comment on proposal to allot four "residual" Lower House seats to Ryukyus (Weeks No. 6, Item 4) has virtually disappeared from media. FonMin OHIRA told Ambassador February 11 that he would work toward suppressing the proposal, in view possible harmful repercussions it might have on US-Japan cooperation in Ryukyus. Autonomy Minister HAYAKAWA, an earlier advocate of the plan, told EmbOff on February 13 that he considered question essentially foreign affairs matter and would abide by recommendations of Fon Off. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None

5. JSP SecGen Decides to Remain on Job

JSP SecGen Tomomi NARITA told Party Chairman KAWAKAMI February 7 that he had decided to withdraw earlier announced intention to quit his post, and that he would abide by decision of JSP convention opening February 22. Narita's decision was interpreted by press as clearing way for unopposed reelection of Kawakami and Narita. Declarations of support from all major factions and lack of alternative candidate apparently persuaded genuinely reluctant Narita to run again. Fact remains, however, that factions' agreement to back him was product of negative factors. Owing to unwritten JSP principle that Chairman and SecGen must come from different factions, Kawakami faction could not offer candidate; Wada faction similarly handicapped owing to Wada's aim to succeed to chairmanship at next convention; Eda was personally objectionable to anti-mainstream; mainstream was united on opposing anti-mainstreamers' candidacy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although Kawakami and Narita appear relatively sure to be returned to office, increasingly vocal left wing may seek to overturn leadership at last minute. Possibly ominous straws in wind were unexpected seizure of leadership of Shaseido (JSP youth organization) by left wing at recent convention and signs that JSP talks with JCP over reestablishment "united front" in "peace movement" may be nearing fruition. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Sohyo delegates will meet in Tokyo February 14-15, in extraordinary convention to discuss plans for 1964 spring labor offensive. About 800 union representatives from all over the country are expected to debate Sohyo's forthcoming campaign for substantial wage increases, safer working conditions, and nation-wide uniform minimum wage system. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As in past years, convention will serve mainly as a pep rally preparatory to organized labor's annual "rites of spring." With very few volatile political issues to focus on this year's "struggle" is likely to be prosaic affair, with interest centering on fairly strong economic demands and stoppages in transportation industry. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY7. "Navy Club" Formed

The "Navy Club," in which former members of Imperial Japanese Navy aim to "promote friendship among members and render services to cause of Japan and society," held opening ceremony in Tokyo February 11. Founders of Club are influential former IJN members, including Diet Members Minoru GENDA and Yasuhiro NAKASONE, Autonomy Minister HAYAKAWA, Chief Maritime Staff, Admiral SUGIE, and businessman Yasushi MORISHITA, who donated permanent clubroom and headquarters in downtown office building.

Comment: Apparently some hope of turning Club into small but powerful Navy League-type organization in support of MSDF. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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POLITICAL

1. ChiComs Proposals for Improving Sino-Japanese Relations

According to February 18 press, LIAO Cheng-chih (Chairman of Japan-China Friendship Association) February 12 proposed to Katsushi FUJII and Seiichi TAGAWA, LDP Diet members in Peiping to arrange for Japanese families to visit graves of executed war criminals, the following plan for improving Sino-Japanese relations: (1) expansion of trade, (2) exchange of permanent unofficial trade representatives, (3) exchange of press reporters, and (4) airline agreements. Press reported this story prominently together with rumor that Government planning send GOJ official to Peiping, which was promptly denied.

FonOff informed us it has not yet seen Fujii, whose return

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February 17 sparked newspaper reports, but FonOff in principle receptive to proposals for increase of trade and exchange of reporters. FonMin OHIRA reportedly not pleased with Minister International Trade and Industry FUKUDA's statement indicating approval of exchange of trade reps. FonOff said any airline agreement, whether government or "private", not possible so long as no diplomatic relations exist.

FonMin Ohira has undergone extensive, close and critical interpellations in Diet during past week by opposition members and by leftist LDP member UTSUNOMIYA, who were trying to force Ohira into making statements which would commit Government to more positive ChiCom policy. Effort was not successful.

Former PriMin YOSHIDA is due in Taiwan February 24 for five day visit to persuade GRC of correctness Japan's policy and to prepare for possible later visit by Ohira. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Expansion of trade and exchange of reporters consonant with Government's long-standing policy of favoring economic and cultural exchanges while maintaining diplomatic relations with GRC. While Ohira and PriMin IKEDA have repeatedly made clear that Japan will not be stampeded into recognition of Peiping and intends uphold commitments to GRC, we can expect GOJ to explore steps for normalization economic and cultural ties with ChiComs in order not to be disadvantaged by West European rivals, and to bleed off public pressures. UN Amb Matsui's current swing through Africa should be viewed in this context. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Sohyo Convention Kicks Off Spring Labor Offensive (Weeka No. 7)

Sohyo concluded two-day special national convention February 15, after approving plans for intensified spring labor offensive. This year's program calls for series of nation-wide strikes to demand ¥5000 wage increase, establishment of ¥14,000 minimum wage, and safer working conditions. Sohyo leaders Kaoru OTA and Akira IWAI told convention that Sohyo should no longer be satisfied with token stoppages and demonstrations but should be prepared to mount "unlimited strikes" to force acceptance of its demands. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sohyo leadership evidently believes that economic and political situation favors bolder action this year. While Sohyo unlikely carry out very militant strike plans, its determination to launch a stronger offensive will probably result in unusually active "spring struggle". (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. JCP SecGen MIYAMOTO to China; Party Delegation to Moscow, Peking.

Chronically ill JCP SecGen Kenji MIYAMOTO left February 15 for extended (three months or more) convalescence in southern China; JCP

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also announced that 5-member delegation led by Presidium Member Satomi HAKAMADA will be sent Moscow and Peking later this month for "inspection and exchange of views." Press and official speculation about Miyamoto trip suggested variously: ChiComs and pro-Peking elements in JCP arranged visit in order "brainwash" SecGen (who reportedly favors neutrality for JCP in Sino-Soviet dispute) prior to 9th Party Congress scheduled late summer; that purpose is Miyamoto's attendance at rumored congress of Asian CP leaders in Peking sometime this spring; and that visit is designed to plan JCP role in exploiting opportunities created by French recognition of Peking. Press reports speculate further that, with JCP shifting closer and closer to Peking, probable purpose of Hakamada mission is to explain JCP position in dispute to Moscow rather than hear views of CPSU. Accounts note that delegation will visit Peking on way home, presumably for debriefing on Moscow talks. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: There is no hard information on specific objectives of trips; even within Party, reports on details of trips are said to be vague and conflicting. Details aside, however, both visits stand to benefit ChiComs substantially more than Soviets; most observers agree that JCP is paving way for some form of still more overt support of Peking in near future, probably at Party Congress expected August or September. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. HICOM Visits Japan

Lt. General Paul W. Caraway, High Commissioner for the Ryukyu Islands, visited Tokyo February 18-20 as guest of Foreign Minister. Schedule included official calls on Foreign Minister, Director General of Defense Agency and Director General of Prime Minister's Office, and visits to National Defense Academy and agricultural cooperatives. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment:

Principal purpose of Foreign Minister's invitation, in addition to repaying HICOM for recent visits of Japanese officials to Ryukyus, was to promote public image of Japan's effective cooperation with US administration of the Islands. This purpose was reflected in Japanese officials' talks with HICOM and in their gracious hospitality. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY

5. Canadian Naval Units to Visit Tokyo

Two Canadian destroyers, HMCS FRAZER and HMCS MCKENZIE, will visit Tokyo beginning 17 April. Units will arrive Tokyo from Hong Kong after operations in Indian Ocean area. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL1. YOSHIDA Returns From Taiwan

Former Prime Minister YOSHIDA returned February 27 from five-day "personal" goodwill mission to Taiwan. Purpose of trip was to convince GRC leaders of correctness GOJ course in trading with mainland and of GOJ determination support GRC diplomatically. Visit received extensive coverage in press, which generally approved its objectives. Former Prime Minister KISHI, LDP faction leader ISHII and President ADACHI of Japan Chamber of Commerce scheduled visit Taiwan about March 15 to attend meeting Sino-Japanese Cooperation Committee, during which further conversations on this subject will be conducted. There is speculation that Prime Minister OHIRA will make visit sometime in spring. (Ohira told Diet Committee he would go "if need arises").

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On related subject, Ohira told LDP Foreign Affairs Committee February 26 that there are limits to Japan's trade with mainland and to number of reporters which could be exchanged; FonMin also said his earlier statement that Communist China poses no threat to Japan did not mean it is proponent of peace, but simply that it poses no military threat to Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ desires explore all possibilities mainland trade, recognizing its limitations as well as the competition from Europe. At same time, GOJ values trade with GRC and strategic position of Taiwan as measure protection for Japan. Yoshida trip and other like efforts are designed persuade GRC that GOJ can still support GRC diplomatically while at same time trading with mainland. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. JSP Convention Elects Solid "Mainstream" Slate

JSP Convention February 22-24 featured unexpectedly bitter fight between extremist "anti-mainstream" factions and more moderate "mainstream." Dispute upset prior "deal" whereby anti-mainstream was allowed draw up action policy (adopted without amendment) in exchange for mainstream's retaining control of key posts. Incensed because mainstream willing to give it only one uncontested seat on 22-member Central Executive Board, anti-mainstream withdrew all its own candidates and assumed pose of "intra-Party opposition." Convention then reelected without opposition entire mainstream slate including Chairman KAWAKAMI, SecGen NARITA, International Bureau Director WADA, and Organization Bureau Director EDA. New CEC has 6 Kawakami faction members, 7 from EDA faction, 7 from Wada faction, 1 neutral.

Convention debate focussed on fundamental issue of "structural reform" theory (advocated by mainstream) versus class struggle theory. Wada's advocacy of supra-partisan diplomacy to strive for normalization relations with Peiping was attacked by anti-mainstream which opposes any cooperation with LDP/GOJ. Much of anti-mainstream fire directed against structural reform architect EDA, whom anti-mainstream holds responsible for all evils, including JSP's failure make expected gains in last elections. Question of JSP cooperation with JCP in mass movement area (Embassy A-993) was left in abeyance pending observation Bikini Day celebration March 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Unexpected convention outcome showed that anti-mainstream was weaker than anticipated, unwilling risk clear-out election fight against leadership group. Wada's chances to assume JSP chairmanship at scheduled November convention probably enhanced. For time being formal Party split has been avoided, but both wings of party girding for another showdown in November. Sohyo role in future developments in this connection will be crucial. Mainstream's absolute control of CEC strengthens power position of JSP moderates, but this shift will not necessarily be reflected in action and statements of Party; on contrary, just because

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it is really moderate, leadership will doubtless feel need to demonstrate its militancy by radical words and postures. Important to remember, however, that mainstream is "moderate" only by contrast; mainstream views in context international socialist spectrum are closer to Yugoslav variety than to Western European. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Korean Negotiations Drag On

ROK Ambassador PAE called on Ambassador February 27 to state that no progress being made in fisheries negotiations. Pae's description negotiations indicated that views on technical problems still far apart and that ROKG continuing base fisheries position on assumption (patently absurd) that entire East China Sea trawler fleet will move to Korean waters in case settlement reached. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Koreans' present approach vastly complicates normalization settlement. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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4. Press Reaction to Viet Nam Situation

Major papers and NHK gave prominent attention to reports from Washington and Moscow re situation in Vietnam, paying particular attention to reported toughening of U.S. policy, possible use of guerrillas by South Vietnam north of 17th parallel, and Soviet reaction emphasizing support of North Vietnam's position. Formation of new top-level U.S. joint committee to handle Vietnam problems interpreted as effort to develop stronger policy; Hilsman resignation regarded as by-product of U.S. policy difficulties in Vietnam, and possibly sign of harder line. Talk of guerrilla operations viewed as psychological maneuver to influence Hanoi to withdraw Viet Cong.

Only two major papers commented editorially. Sankei urged U.S.-Soviet conference before conflict escalates; Asahi wrung hands over possibility of guerrilla action in north, feared full-scale Korea-style war might result, and urged conference between North Vietnam and South Vietnam aimed at reconciliation, which it believed would be generally acceptable in Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

MILITARY

5. JMSDF Destroyer Escort KITAKAMI Commissioned

ISHIKAWAJIMA-HARIMA Heavy Industries delivered new 1500-ton Destroyer Escort KITAKAMI to MSDF at ceremonies February 27 at company's No. 2 Works, Tokyo. KITAKAMI is sister-ship of OI (WEEKA 4 Item 11).

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After three week training period Yokosuka, KITAKAMI scheduled depart assignment to OMINATO Regional District. (UNCLASSIFIED)

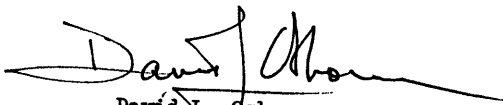
Comment: Assignment of KITAKAMI and OI to OMINATO District gives MSDF modern ASW pair in north Sea of Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)


6. Establishment of Osaka Defense Association

On February 24, JDA DirGen FUKUDA and Chairman Joint Staff Council HAYASHI spoke at inaugural ceremony of Osaka Defense Association (Osaka Boei Kyokai). President is industrialist Konosuke MATSUSHITA (Matshushita Electric Co.) The approximately 450 members are prominent in Osaka area business and industry. In discussing Osaka Boei Kyokai with ARMA, Administrative Vice-Minister Yozo Kato said JDA hopes to consolidate all such groups in 1965 to provide centralized guidance to their efforts to foster greater public and government support for Defense Forces. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Of many defense assistance groups in Japan, Osaka Boei Kyokai appears, potentially, most important one organized to date. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. China Policy Paper

Foreign Office March 5 released to press text of position paper prepared for use of Ministers during Diet interpellations. Paper made three points: (1) Unlike U.S., Japan's proximity to Mainland China makes it inevitable for Japan to have de facto relations with Peiping; however, Japan will not now establish diplomatic relations with Peiping since that would mean severing relations with GRC, endanger peace in Asia and Free World unity. Solution to abnormal China situation should be sought in UN; (2) Not useful define ChiCom attitude as aggressive or peace loving, but important point is analysis ChiCom intentions toward Japan and Asia;

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little likelihood ChiComs will resort to direct military action in SEA or against Japan but "ideological infiltration" of Japan stimulating anti-Security Treaty sentiment should be watched; (3) Japan will consider normalization relations with Peiping if CPR seated in UN after full debate, but premature decide now what policy GOJ will follow in UN this fall or estimate effects of French recognition.

JSP International Bureau Chief Hiroo WADA told press that paper contradictory when it admits ChiCom foreign policy is cautious but warns of ideological infiltration, declaring paper aimed at hoodwinking the people about true aspects of China issue with emotional anti-Communism. DSP Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eki SONE said paper should have looked toward seating Peiping in UN without ousting Taiwan. Japan Chamber Commerce and Industry President Tadashi ADACHI, who leads business group to Taiwan March 15 (Item 3) said Peiping, which is pushing development nuclear weapons, does constitute threat to Japan.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Though FonOff source says release precipitated by leak, Government probably felt need release paper because of criticism that statements of ministers made in Diet during past six weeks were inconsistent. While this paper represents basic policy, ministers will doubtless elaborate in course Diet questioning.
(Item 2). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Ikeda on China Policy

According press, PriMin Ikeda, during interpellation in Upper House Budget Committee March 4, said that ChiCom problem cannot be settled by Japan alone, but also concerns countries friendly to Japan such as Philippines, Thailand, ROK and U.S. Ikeda said that earlier statements made by himself and FonMin did not mean GOJ would recognize ChiComs if seated in UN; only if premise of such seating in UN was that other nations had acknowledged ChiComs as worthy nation, not war-loving one. This not possible as long as ChiComs declare that American imperialism is common enemy of both Japan and ComChina. Japan is under no obligation recognize ChiComs in defiance of views of Japan's friends and therefore even if ChiComs admitted to UN, Japan will examine possibility establishing ties with ChiComs only after checking whether or not other countries want friendship with Peiping.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ikeda injected new elements into discussion China policy by (1) his assertion that Japan would not necessarily recognize Communist China even if it should be admitted into UN but should act in concert with its friends, and (2) his clear implication that Peiping could not expect Japanese recognition so long as it persisted in its view that U.S. is common enemy of China and Japan.
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from TOKYO3. MORI and Businessmen Visit Taiwan

Parliamentary Vice Foreign Minister Matsuhei MORI and Foreign Office China Section Chief Fujio HARA departed March 5 for 10-day visit to Taiwan. Trip is follow-up of YOSHIDA visit (WEEK 9, Item 1); Mori expected to ask for assignment Chinese Ambassador to Tokyo, and make general offers of economic assistance.

Twenty-man delegation of Japan-China Economic Cooperation Committee led by Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Tadashi ADACHI and including as advisers former Prime Minister Nobusuke KISHI and LDP faction leader Mitsujiro ISHII, announced plans to meet with Chinese counterparts in Taipei March 15.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Mori is not authorized to conclude any official agreements. He and Hara particularly interested in personal evaluation political situation in Taiwan. They and star-studded industrial group will be able to provide authoritative support for Yoshida's explanations of Japanese policy; businessmen will also be able to discuss concretely questions of trade and economic assistance.
(CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ChiComs Attack JSP Leadership

New China News Agency March 2 report on JSP convention strongly criticized JSP mainstream for having abandoned revolutionary spirit, toadying to American imperialists, and supporting "Two Chinas" policy despite protestations to the contrary. JSP reacted sharply, denying all ChiCom allegations which Party spokesman characterized as "based on misunderstanding" and "interference in affairs of Party." Party's left wing minority took position NCNA criticism was just but inappropriate.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: NCNA attack, latest and sharpest in series of critical comments on JSP leadership, is likely to further strain intra-Party atmosphere. ChiCom's blatant interference in JSP was decidedly unwelcome to both wings of Party, even anti-mainstream which it presumably was intended to help. JSP mainstream felt NCNA's reference to "Two Chinas" policy was embarrassing because some leaders privately endorse it and were secretly toying with idea of making it Party policy.
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5. ROK-Japan Talks Move to Higher Level

GOJ agreed March 2 to ROK suggestion that Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries of two countries meet March 10 to settle fisheries problems. Meantime, experts meeting to attempt narrow differences on methods of drawing base lines, delineation of fishing zones and limitation of fishing within restricted zones.
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Comment: GOJ agreed to Ministers meeting because this appeared to be only way to obtain progress on negotiations, which had stagnated at technical level. GOJ will regard ROK attitude during this meeting as touchstone of ROK intentions and as indication whether normalization likely to take place this spring. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. LDP Presidential Election Situation Foreshadowed in Diet Debate?

In Upper House Budget Committee debate March 3, persistent probing by Socialist elicited from PriMin Ikeda veiled statement of his intent seek reelection to LDP presidency next July, from AgMin Ichiro KONO statement of his intention to support Ikeda for reelection, and from State Minister Eisaku SATO refusal to declare himself at this time. While none of three ministers disclosed anything new, debate caught public fancy as unrehearsed and authentic expression of their respective postures at present time. LDP SecGen Zenko SUZUKI told EmbOff that Ikeda couched his remarks in familiar terms of his willingness, so long as people wish, to stay on in order complete tasks, safeguard peace, etc., but straightforward implication of remarks was that Ikeda planning stay on. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Barring unforeseen accidents, such as unsuccessful attempt by Ikeda to ratify ILO-87 Convention or Japan-Korea settlement (Suzuki was most positive that Japan-ROK treaty would be ratified at extended Diet session, insisted that serious effort would be made to pass ILO-87 also) Ikeda will be in very strong position in July, and should be able to count on support not only of Kono but also of LDP Vice President Bamboku ONO and Policy Board Chairman Takeo MIKI, in which event he could easily fend off challenges by SATO or LDP Executive Board Chairman Aiichiro FUJIYAMA. Although odds against Sato very high and against Fujiyama suicidally so, either or both might feel compelled to have a go at it. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Non-Partisan Upper House Members Join LDP

Three of eleven members of Ni-in ("Second Chamber") Club March 4 seceded from Club and took steps to join LDP. With its membership having fallen below ten-man size required to constitute official "negotiating body" for purposes of participation in steering committee, Club was officially dissolved, though three of ex-members (all women) immediately formed new Ni-in Club and four others formed Ryokufu-kai (former name of parent group of Ni-in Club). Masanobu TSUJI, still missing in SEA, entered on rolls as plain independent. Upper House lineup now stands at: LDP 146, JSP 66, Komei-kai 15, DSP 10, Communists 4, Ryokufukai 4, Ni-in Club 3, Independent 1, Vacancy 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Effect on voting balance insignificant. Defections to LDP caused by desire to bolster reelection chances. Idea behind formation of once-

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important Ryokufukai, that Upper House should be above market-place hurly-burly of party politics, and should represent voice of conscience rather than will of majority, long since ceased to carry much weight. Tendency toward extension of political party (and even factional) divisions into Upper House was widely noted and deplored at time of 1962 elections, but evidently continues. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. Bikini Day Observances

March 1 observance of anniversary marking death of Fukuryu Maru crew member KUBOYAMA allegedly as result of 1954 hydrogen bomb tests at Bikini became involved in struggle between rival leftist organizations. For first time, memorial services in Yaezu, home port of Fukuryu Maru, had to be split in two. JCP-line services, ostensibly sponsored by Japan Religionists Peace Council with active support of Gensuikyo (Japan Council Against A and H Bombs) and JCP, drew 13,000 participants from all over Japan. JSP and Sohyo sponsored celebration drew only about 1,000 participants. At JSP/Sohyo-sponsored session in Yaezu and March 2 meeting of JSP-line National Representatives of Anti-A and H Bomb Movement in Shizuoka, delegates strongly reaffirmed JSP stand condemning nuclear testing by all countries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Following JSP fissure at recent convention (WEEKA No. 9, Item 2), events at Yaezu and Shizuoka further strain relations between JSP leadership and more extreme elements. Joint JCP/JSP sponsorship Hiroshima Rally in August can now be practically ruled out, and joint activities in other mass movement areas will be more difficult to stage. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. Diplomatic Changes

Press reported Feb. 26 that Takio ODA, Deputy Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs will be named Vice Minister in March to replace Shigenobu SHIMA who will become Ambassador to UK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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4. Government Views on ComChina
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POLITICAL1. Korean Talks Reach Crucial Stage

Japan-ROK negotiations entered crucial stage this week with first meeting of Agriculture and Forestry Ministers Munenori AKAGI and WON Yong-suk March 10 on fisheries problems, and elevation of PAE-SUGI talks March 12 to formal (rather than preliminary) level. Principal subjects fisheries talks are method drawing baseline, demarcation limited fishing areas outside 12-mile zone, methods of policing restricted area, and amount and terms of Japanese fisheries loans. Pae-Sugi talks will include terms of financial settlement, status of Koreans in Japan, wording of basic agreement, encompassing question of extent Korean sovereignty (i.e. over North Korea) and other problems. KIM Chong-p'il reportedly will arrive Tokyo March 20 in "private" capacity.

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At march 12 meeting, PriMin IKEDA and his arch rival for premiership, Eisaku SATO, agreed that normalization treaty should be concluded during current Diet session. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Neither side has given any indication of how talks progressing, but speculation rife that Kim Chong-p'il may make final decisions for ROK when he arrives from Saigon-Taipei trip. GOJ worried about possibility Kim, during current trip to Saigon and Taipei, making public statements that can be twisted to link Japan-ROK talks to establishment anti-Communist alliance, which would increase difficulties in way of ratification in Diet. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JSP-Attack on ROK-Japan Talks

JSP has now launched multi-pronged attack on ROK/Japan talks in preparation for attempt to block settlement if talks successful. JSP's initial delaying tactic in Diet was March 11 request for interim report on talks, which LDP first brushed off but later agreed to comply with at "appropriate time." JSP Diet Policy Committee, upon this rebuff, decided to pull its members out of various committees of both Houses of Diet as means of hampering business until demand is met (but there was not 100% boycott of committees). Threatening disturbances "exceeding anti-Security Treaty struggles," JSP spokesmen talking about leading popular movement, both inside and outside Diet, to block settlement with ROK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While opposition groups undoubtedly will attempt to launch major demonstrations against GOJ on ROK settlement issue, political atmosphere, as even JSP leaders privately admit, not really conducive to extra-parliamentary show of force (Ikeda, moreover, more skillful politician than Kishi who himself, rather than Treaty, was chief target in 1960), and most unlikely that scale or intensity of 1960 disturbances will be approached, let alone exceeded. JSP will attempt channel Sohyo's annual "spring struggle" into anti-ROK demonstrations, but mood of majority of workers unlikely permit very extensive exploitation their economic demands for political purposes. JSP leadership -- just because it has the reputation of being "moderate" -- may feel compelled to resume "joint actions" with JCP in order to demonstrate its militancy in context current division within JSP. Even in such event, however, combined Opposition efforts inside and outside Diet appear most unlikely to block settlement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Slight Relapse in Healing of GOJ-GRC Rift

PriMin IKEDA March 7 informed top level politician-businessmen's group headed by former PriMin KISHI, which had intended to visit Taiwan March 15 (Week 10 Item 3), that FonMin OHIRA would be unable to visit Taiwan in immediate future because he is needed during current Diet session. Inference was drawn from Ikeda's remarks that Ohira would not

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go to Taiwan until GRC appoints new Ambassador to Japan. Ikeda also said that sale of second vinylon plant on deferred payment terms was trade, not aid, and was consistent with GOJ's China policy. Press reported GRC expressed to Parliamentary Vice Minister MORI, now visiting Taiwan, displeasure over this position, indicating results YOSIDA's visit had been nullified. On March 10 Kishi group decided postpone visit until after Ohira visit, and sent lower-ranking members of group to Taipei to explain circumstances. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: China policy has become intimately involved in LDP party politics, with Kishi, working for his brother SATO, attempting embarrass Ikeda and split him off from arch-rival KONO to help Sato's LDP presidential ambitions. Ikeda's position unlikely be damaged by these maneuvers which we believe more likely to drive Kono and Ikeda closer together and hurt both Sato and GRC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Government Views on ComChina

During interpellation in House of Councillors Budget Committee March 7, PriMin IKEDA referred to differing attitudes Peiping is taking toward France and toward Japan, citing recent statement in Tokyo by CHAO An-Po, Secretary General Chinese Communist Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, that U.S. is common enemy of Japanese and Chinese people. Noting that Peiping had never made this statement about France, NATO member, he said implications of nuances in ChiCom policies should be studied most carefully. Referring to Chao statement FonMin said that ComChina should refrain from interfering in Japanese domestic affairs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ making some telling points in Diet debate with JSP on Chinese policy. Similar heavy-handed efforts by ChiComs to exert influence here directly will increase embarrassment of their supporters. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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5. JGSDF Semi-Annual Personnel Changes

JDA March 10 announced semi-annual GSDF personnel changes effective March 16, resulting in reassignment 13 Lt Generals (46% of active list); 23 Major Generals (33% of active list); 134 Colonels, and 235 Lt Colonels. Most significant change is reassignment of Lt. General Yoshifusa AMANO from 2nd Division to Vice Chief of Staff, Ground Staff Office. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Large number of senior officers being transferred may be

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attributed to GSO's attempt to maintain continuity, since many senior officers will retire in 1965. Appointment of AMANO, number 21 on seniority list, indicates he may become next Chief of Staff, GSO.
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POLITICAL

1. ROK-Japan Talks Accelerate

Japanese Agriculture Minister AKAGI and Korean counterpart WON met March 16 for fourth time. Meeting scheduled March 18 postponed one day to permit Won consult Korean FonMin CHONG who passing through on way to Geneva. According FonOff sources, ROK has not moved appreciably to meet Japanese position on method drawing baselines (which Japanese regard as matter of principle which cannot be compromised) and Japanese flexibility on fisheries loans therefore greatly reduced. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Both sides regard stopover of FonMin Won and visit KIM Chong-p'il, who due arrive March 20 for about five-day visit, as of critical importance. Chances are Kim will make decisions which at least will permit talks continue and perhaps will permit agreement on fisheries item. Chong due return from Geneva end of March and further talks with GOJ leaders can be expected at that time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from TOKYO2. Mori Returns from Taipei

Parliamentary Vice FonMin Mori returned March 17 from 12-day visit to Taiwan. In airport press conference Mori said GOJ approval of sale of second vinylon plant to ComChina would severely strain relations with GRC and if GOJ actively pushed sale, GRC might sever relations. He also said that GRC hopes for visit by FonMin OHIRA but that appointment new Ambassador and suspension boycott of Japanese goods would probably take place even if Ohira visit should not materialize. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

3. JSP Missions to Moscow and Peiping

Embassy informed by JSP official (Fusao YAMAGUCHI, International Bureau) that ten-man group headed by JSP SecGen NARITA and including International Bureau Director WADA and representatives from anti-mainstream plans to leave about June 27 for four-week visit at invitation of CPSU. Schedule includes meetings with Premier Khrushchev and other top Soviet officials. Group is tentatively scheduled also to visit Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Yamaguchi said, however, that JSP plans for visit to Peiping are less firm than indicated by press reports to effect anti-mainstreamer SASAKI to head mission. If Peiping visit materializes, it will probably include both mainstream and anti-mainstream representation, Yamaguchi says, and take place around October 1 festivities in Peiping. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: JSP is expected to endorse peaceful co-existence line in Moscow and seek Soviet support against JCP on peace movement and other issues. While anti-mainstream pressure may result in JSP visit to Peiping, leadership is not eager to engage in another round of exchanges with ChiComs. JSP has unpalatable choice of either speaking with same voice in Moscow and Peiping, which would annoy Chinese, or courting further dissension and embarrassment by endorsing ChiCom line in Peiping. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. UK Parliamentarians

Six (3 Conservative; 3 Labor) members of House of Commons arrived March 14 for 10-day visit, having been invited by Lower House of Japanese Diet in accordance with exchange of visits program of IPU. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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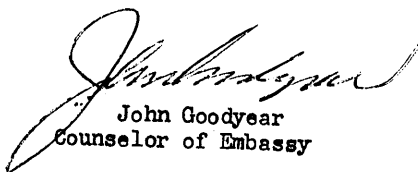
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from TOKYOMILITARY5. Primin Addresses Defense Academy Graduating Class


Defense Academy held exercises March 14 for its 8th graduating class of 466 new JSDF officers (263 GSDF, 92 MSDF, and 111 ASDF) and for post-graduate students. Primin IKEDA, Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA and Defense Agency DirGen Tokuyasu FUKUDA gave addresses which stressed loyalty, duty, preparedness, self-improvement. Primin warned graduates of strained international situation and said they should not expect too much from negotiations because it was difficult to see solution to various problems confronting East and West. Fukuda stressed his desire that post-graduate students become driving force in scientific and technical branches of SDF and charged them with urgent task of developing domestic military equipment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: No shift in emphasis in Primin's speech noted as compared with previous speeches on similar occasions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL1. Ambassador Stabbed

Stabbing of Ambassador March 24 by unbalanced publicity-seeking but apolitical youth of 19, Nobukazu SHIOYA, gave Japan its worst emotional shock since assassination of President Kennedy. Once concern over threat to Ambassador's life from deep thigh wound was allayed, dominant public emotions became those of shame (mitigated only slightly by parallels drawn with assassination) and desire make amends. Public Safety Commissioner (and Autonomy Minister) HAYAKAWA's resignation was accepted and apologies poured in from Japanese in all walks of life, from Imperial Household and PriMin IKEDA on down; fortuitous conjunction of RELAY II satellite carried Ikeda's apology direct to TV sets in US; regrets and apologies streamed into consulates and were expressed to Americans by man-in-street. President Johnson's prompt and gracious

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acknowledgment of Japan's apologies, widely publicized photograph of Ambassador and wife in cheerful pose and particularly Ambassador's hospital-bed statements, provided public further reassurance re well-being of extraordinarily popular public figure. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Incident, despite its great impact, seems unlikely, as of now, to have dramatic effect on political situation. Overt expressions of anti-American feeling will be more than ever unpopular in aftermath of incident, but this will probably not long deter committed extremist elements who will doubtless follow Peiping line when available. Despite some suggestions that Police Duties Law or some other anti-violence legislation be given renewed consideration, and Akahata's insinuation that incident will be seized upon by reactionary elements wanting to clamp down on "anti-imperialism struggle", this seems improbable, given lack of any established connection between this type of violence and that involved in leftist street demonstrations. Police disclosures that assailant had history of mental trouble and no political connections with Right or Left served to link incident to recent wave of crimes of senseless violence and juvenile delinquency. Strong public demand for corrective action may eventually lead to some improvement in treatment of mental cases. At same time, notoriety achieved by assailant may stimulate other unbalanced publicity seekers to terrorist attacks on other public figures.

Ikeda will be sniped at by his rivals, but he does not seem to have been hurt too badly. Resignation of Hayakawa, prompt and solemn apologies, probably seem to nation about as much as could be done in circumstances. Replacement of Hayakawa by another member of MIKI faction (Masamichi AKAZAWA) and Akazawa's replacement as Chairman of House Foreign Affairs Committee by still another Miki man have occasioned cynical comment owing to Miki's identification with abolition of factions cause. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. ROK-Japan Negotiations Sputtering Along

Korean and Japanese negotiators met several times during past week and succeeded in narrowing slightly differences on number of fishing boats to be permitted in restricted areas, but little progress otherwise. Japanese March 23 proposed postponement of discussion baselines problem until after normalization, concentrating efforts on defining fisheries zones. Koreans rejected this suggestion March 26 on grounds baselines problem was economic, not legal. Koreans have indicated that baselines problem and issue over number of Japanese vessels to be permitted in fishing areas would be easily solved if Japanese would provide firm assurances concerning fisheries loans. Koreans March 26 affirmed to Japanese determination conclude normalization despite demonstrations in Seoul. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: Both sides still hope differences can be narrowed by time Foreign Minister CHONG returns from UNCTAD near end of month in order permit useful discussions with Foreign Minister OHIRA. Press reports of extensive demonstrations in Korea will unquestionably aid Socialist attempts to derail talks, which have not been effective thus far. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. GOJ Establishes Relations with Caribbean Countries

FonOff announced establishment diplomatic relations with Jamaica on March 24, following exchange of notes by the two countries' ambassadors in Washington. FonOff told us its Embassy in Washington negotiating to establish diplomatic relations also with Trinidad and Tobago. It does not plan to set up permanent mission there or in Jamaica, and expects that probably Japanese Ambassador in Venezuela will be accredited concurrently to both island countries. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None

4. Press Raps U.S. on Ryukyu Issue

Following Okinawa Liberal Democratic Party resolution charging that USG is not administering Ryukyus in spirit of March 1962 Kennedy statement, Japanese press strongly criticized US for "direct rule" and for having delayed agreement on terms of reference for committees to facilitate economic aid for Ryukyus. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Establishment of committees in Tokyo and Okinawa would greatly facilitate US-Japan cooperation on Ryukyuan affairs, and alleviate pressure from "reversionist" elements in Japan. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Rumanian Parliamentary Visit

Four members of Rumanian Grand National Assembly, led by its Vice President, Dr. Stefan NICOLAU, arrived in Tokyo March 25 for 9-day goodwill visit at invitation of Lower House Speaker. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit is first by Rumanian parliamentary group.

CULTURAL

6. Japanese Find Venus de Milo Disarming

France's Venus de Milo arrived Japan March 22 for display in Tokyo (April 8 - May 12) and Kyoto (May 16- June 25). Asahi had asked GOF for exhibit and gave it heaviest publicity. Venus' arrival was fully covered by all media, some in serious, others in lighter vein (reporting imaginary interviews giving

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first impressions of Japan, etc.) Fold of drapery on statue slightly chipped in transit.

Comment: Exhibition of Venus, first one outside of France, shapes up as one of year's major cultural presentations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

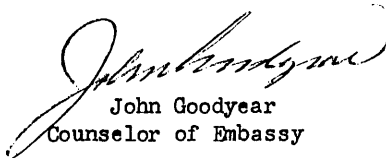
PSYCHOLOGICAL7. First Satellite TV Relay from Japan

Japan broadcast first live program to US via Relay II at 9:32 pm Japan time, March 25. Telecast included speech by PriMin Ikeda expressing regret for stabbing of Ambassador and speech by Minister John K. Emmerson, in place of Ambassador Reischauer, stressing continued close relations between two countries. Also telecast were night scenes of Imperial Palace Plaza and National Stadium, site of forthcoming Olympics. Postal Minister KOIKE concluded program with statement expressing hope Olympics would be telecast.

Japanese press gave successful transmission top play, stressing theme of PriMin's speech, and showed pride in fact that Japan's advanced technology made broadcast possible. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Like first Relay transmission from U.S. to Japan at time of Kennedy assassination, circumstances of broadcast may further strengthen Japanese people's ties with United States. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL1. ROK-Japan Talks at Standstill

Diplomatic activity between ROK and GOJ came to virtual standstill as student demonstrations in Seoul forced ROK recall KIM Chong-P'il from Tokyo March 28 and apparently forced ROK fisheries negotiators retreat from previous proposals -- at WON-AKAGI meeting March 30 Korean Agriculture Minister Won retreated from position almost agreed upon by both sides for delineating exclusive fisheries zone vicinity Cheju Island and reverted to demand for extensive, fan-shaped zone unacceptable to Japanese. Akagithen withdraw offer to increase fisheries loans up to \$70 million. Subsequent meeting April 1 failed provide any forward motion and Won scheduled return to Seoul for consultations April 3 or 4. Korean FonMin CHONG due arrive Tokyo from Geneva on way to Seoul April 3 and will confer with FonMin Ohira. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: Although GOJ is maintaining posture of watchful waiting and is willing continue negotiations when ROKG able to do so, events in Seoul have damaged hitherto favorable atmosphere for early conclusion of agreement and have made more difficult GOJ's task of obtaining Diet approval of normalization agreement if negotiations should be resumed and agreement reached. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ONO Stricken

LDP Vice President Bamboku ONO, 73, suffered cerebral thrombosis March 30 and will require at least month's hospitalization. Ono's health had been failing already, and in view of his age, illness caused speculation about effect of his possible demise on domestic political situation and ROK-Japan talks (Ono has pushed ROK-Japan normalization hard and has served as informal, high level link with PARK and KIM Chang-P'il). UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: At this point it seems improbable that Eisaku SATO, leading contender for succession to Prime Ministership, could win over majority of Ono's 30-man faction. If he should, however, PriMin IKEDA's prospects for third term would be badly damaged, not only by loss of Ono faction votes but also, possibly, by psychological effect shift might have in starting trend to Sato. Effect on Japan-ROK talks not likely be crucial; Ikeda, Ohira, and other LDP leaders have developed strong personal commitments to success of talks -- if at all possible. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Visa for Chicom Newsman Refused

Justice Ministry, after consultation with appropriate Government ministries, April 1 refused grant visa to WU Hsueh-wen, NCNA correspondent accompanying Chicom delegation coming to Japan in connection with Chicom trade fair scheduled open Tokyo April 10. Refusal made in context of policy of "separation politics from economics" on grounds that Wu had made political attack upon Government during previous stay in Japan. Press reported Chicom delegation threatening cancel trip unless visa granted and that former PriMin ISHIBASHI, among other proponents of ChiCom trade, had interceded with Government on Wu's behalf. Press reported April 3 that PriMin IKEDA had approved Justice Ministry decision which, he said, is final. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: If Chicoms make issue of case they likely arouse Japanese resentment and damage own interests. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Sohyo Convention Calls for Stepped Up Wage Campaign (WEEKKA NO. 8)

On April 2, Sohyo convened its second extraordinary convention in

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7 weeks to discuss 1964 spring wage offensive. Some 800 delegates and observers representing Sohyo and Churitsu Roren unions met in Tokyo to hear their leaders urge intensified campaign of strikes and demonstrations to win this year's demands for minimum ¥5,000 monthly wage increase. Convention unanimously approved program calling for "sustained and uncompromising struggle" in face of "illegal and unfair" Government pressures to hold down wages. Program outlined a series of separate industry strikes, a large scale "mobilization" of unionists on April 10, and a half-day "general strike" by private company unions and National Railway Workers Union on April 17, followed by "unlimited strikes" if necessary.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ostensible reason for unusual step of calling convention barely seven weeks after first "spring struggle" convention was alleged interference by GOJ; however, actual motivation undoubtedly was need to bolster lagging enthusiasm for ambitious and militant program proclaimed at first convention, and desire to demonstrate to faltering local unionists positive leadership being exerted by the Ota-Iwai team. Despite militantly worded program, convention did not appear to succeed in arousing delegates.
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5. Iranian Visit

Princess Shams Pahlavi of Iran, accompanied by her husband and three children, arrived March 31 for 11-day visit at invitation of Japanese Imperial Family.

Comment: Visit is ceremonial and has no special political or other significance.

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6. Soviet Science Delegation Visits Japan

Eight-man delegation from Soviet Academy of Sciences, headed by Academy President KELDYSH, ended 12-day visit March 30 as guests of Japan Science Council (JSC). (JSC had extended similar invitation to US National Academy, three representatives of which were JSC guests in early March). Soviet delegates toured Kyoto, Osaka, Sendai, as well as Tokyo, visiting major universities and laboratories, giving lectures, and meeting leading scientists. Keldysh conferred Soviet Academy medal on JSC President TOMONAGA, reportedly invited him to lead Japanese delegation for return visit Soviet Union, and expressed hopes for increased Soviet-Japan scientific exchange. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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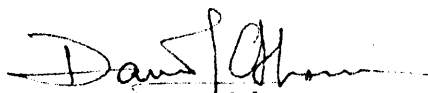
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Comment: There have been few visits by Soviet scientists, in contrast to relatively large number of US scientists who travel here, many as result US-Japan cooperative science program. No indications yet whether Soviet Academy visit will be one-shot affair or forerunner of further visits, but caliber of delegation plus Keldysh's reported expressions of interest suggest serious Soviet interest in developing closer ties with Japanese scientists. Judging by press accounts, delegates avoided political issues, at least in public contacts, but naturally took advantage opportunity publicize Soviet scientific achievements. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

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POLITICAL

1. France-Japan Ministerial Meeting

French Premier POMPIDOU is visiting Japan April 6-12 accompanied by FonMin Couve de MURVILLE. Pompidou met with PriMin IKEDA April 7, FonMins met April 8, and press conference was held April 9. Joint communique issued April 9 stated representatives two governments reached full understanding of "respective positions" on questions of China, Southeast Asia and East-West relations. In press conference Pompidou contrasted French support of U. S. on Cuba when U. S. had not consulted France with lack of

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U.S. support of France when French recognized ChiComs. He provided familiar rationale of French recognition of Peking and emphasized that France did not break relations with GRC but that Taiwan had solved complicated problem for France. He said France would vote for Peiping membership in UN but not thinking of taking initiative. Also stated that neutralization was only way for SEA countries maintain independence from great powers but for this to be possible both U.S. and Communist China would have to agree. He said France would never sell nuclear weapons to Communist China and that DeGaulle has no plans to visit Japan or Southeast Asia this year. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Wording of communique, reports in press, and informal comments to Embassy officers indicate that no agreement was reached concerning China and SEA problems and that Pompidou's efforts to explain and defend French position have not succeeded in dampening critical attitude displayed privately by FonOff and publicly in press which has tended to emphasize differences between French and Japanese policies. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. ChiCom Trade Mission

ChiCom Trade Mission led by NAN Han-chen arrived Tokyo April 8. In airport statement Nan said recently increased trade and cultural exchanges between ComChina and Japan contributed to peace of Asia and world. According published accounts, he did not mention U.S., nor did he refer to GOJ refusal of visa to newsman WU Hsueh-wen (WEEKA 14, Item 3).

Prior to arrival of mission ChiCom officials at Trade Fair in Tokyo had kicked up minor dust storm by ousting Newsweek correspondent Bernard Krisher from April 4 press conference from which American press had been excluded. Krisher, having entered conference on borrowed invitation, soon found self center of vigorous effort to put him out. After extended argument and some shoving (during which European correspondents present reportedly rallied in his support), Krisher decided to leave. Mainichi, only domestic paper to review incident, clucked disapprovingly: "ComChina's attitude toward U.S. seems involve something beyond Japanese imagination." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Nan's restrained conduct reflects advice reportedly given ChiComs by Fair sponsors that they not engage in polemics against U.S. or criticize GOJ policies. Wisdom of such advice may have been emphasized by reaction of Krisher's press colleagues to his cavalier treat-

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ment at ChiCom hands.

While Nan's initial restraint is no guarantee against ChiComs' stepping out of line later in course of Fair, Krisher case would indicate they cannot expect to do so without hurting selves. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Matsumura Mission to Peiping

LDP Diet members Kenzo MATSUMURA, Yutaro TAKEYAMA and Yoshimi FURUI, All-Nippon Airways President Kaheita OKAZAKI, and other lesser lights left Moji by ship (as if to dramatize absence of direct air route) April 9 for three-week visit to Chinese mainland in response to invitation reportedly issued by Premier CHOU En-lai. According to press accounts, mission will meet with Chou, Foreign Minister CHEN Yi, Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee Chairman LIAO Cheng Ch'ih, and "if possible," MAO himself. Group is expected to discuss trade expansion and recent Chinese Communist proposals for exchange of newsmen, trade representatives, and air flights. Octogenarian Matsumura will be remembered for his visit to Peiping in fall of 1962 which paved way for Liao-TAKASAKI (L-T) trade memorandum and resulting recovery of trade from abnormally low levels of 1959-62. Okazaki headed mission to Peiping last September which drew up 1964 trade plan under the L-T memorandum. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Coinciding with the opening of the Chinese Communist Trade Fair in Tokyo (Item 2) and visit this week of the French Premier and FonMin (Item 1), departure of Matsumura mission has intensified Japanese preoccupation with the problem of relations with mainland regime. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Lower House Passes OECD Bill

Bill providing for Japan's adherence to OECD Convention was passed by Lower House April 9. Bill now goes to House of Councillors, and will automatically become law in 30 days if Upper House fails to take action. FonOff is hoping, however, that Upper House will take positive action to approve the bill before end of 30-day period. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Embassy has been told that, in anticipation of increased importance of OECD activities to Japan, FonOff has decided to split Economic Affairs Bureau's Economic Integration Section and establish new OECD Section. Economic Integration Section will continue to have responsibility

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for matters involving EEC, EFTA, and other regional economic groupings. Change will probably become effective within the next two or three weeks. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Reaction to Death of General MacArthur

All media followed General MacArthur's final illness in detail, and gave extensive coverage to news of death. Editorial comment consisted largely of eulogy, tracing of General's distinguished career, and expressions of sympathy for American people, with little or no reflection of sense of shock or personal grief on part of Japanese people. Condolence books (at Embassy, consulates, etc.) drew only limited number of signers, at least partially because General's age and extended illness precluded any degree of surprise, but also because of relative absence of strong emotional impact. Only source of unfavorable comment was JCP organ Akahata, which ran bitterly critical item featuring such career episodes as "Victory of Anacostia Flats." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: General MacArthur's image in Japan is linked principally to memories of Occupation which are still unpleasant for many Japanese; reaction would indicate that he was respected, rather than loved, by Japanese people. Wide public attention focused on his death nonetheless probably exerted some beneficial influence on political situation. News of death coincided with stories on USMC jet accident (Item 6), and helped to dampen adverse reaction to crash. Widespread editorial recounting of General's contributions to Japan's freedom, territorial integrity, and economic recovery have served as reminder to Japanese people how fortunate they were to be occupied by Free World powers instead of Communists. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Machida Plane Incident

USMC RF8A Crusader aircraft on routine training flight afternoon of April 5 suddenly went out of control and crashed into shopping center in suburban Tokyo (Machida City), killing four persons and injuring 24. Prompt expressions of condolence and regret were immediately made to GOJ by Embassy and USFJ, and high USFJ officials personally called on local mayor and visited families of victims. U.S. military and Japanese officials immediately initiated on-scene investigation of accident and meeting of "Unusual Occurrence" Subcommittee of U.S./Japan Joint Committee

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was called April 8 to determine cause of accident. Settlement of damage claims also being given prompt attention by appropriate U.S./Japan authorities.

Media comment, on whole, has been restrained, with criticism focused by some papers on charge pilot ejected too soon and did not first head craft away from populated area. Akahata seems to be making serious effort to exploit issue, however, having taken unusual step listing on front page addresses where protests should be sent. Incident raised in Diet April 8 by JSP and Ikeda responded that GOJ would discuss with U.S. authorities possibility of prohibiting flights of U.S. military aircraft over city areas. PriMin firmly rejected opposition proposal that GOJ ask that Yokota Base be closed because of accident. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Reaction to accident has been moderate due principally to prompt actions of U.S. and Japanese authorities, timely dispatch of personal expressions of regret and condolences by President and Secretary, coincidence of accident with General MacArthur's death, and lingering feeling of remorse over recent attack on Ambassador Reischauer (WEEKA 13, Item 1). Criticism of pilot's decision to eject is unwarranted but difficult to counter. Pertinent regulations direct pilot to abandon aircraft at 10,000 feet if in uncontrolled condition; in this case plane entered such condition at approximately 9,000 feet and pilot ejected between 5,000 and 7,000 feet. Staying with aircraft would not have changed impact point. We do not expect incident will create serious problem re U.S. military presence Japan although organized Left will try to squeeze issue for whatever mileage is in it. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. ROK-Japan Negotiations Stagnant

In conversation with DCM April 6, Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU described current phase ROK-Japan talks as stagnant. ROK FonMin CHONG Il-kwon's conversations with Japanese officials April 3 and 4 failed produce indication as to when substantive political talks will be resumed. Agriculture Minister WON returned Korea April 9 after agreeing in April 6 meeting with Japanese Agriculture Minister AKAGI to continue talks on technical level. FonMin OHIRA at House of Councillors Foreign Affairs Committee April 2 reaffirmed GOJ position that so long as ROK desires negotiate, GOJ will negotiate "with sincerity." JCP organized 50,000 persons for rally in Tokyo April 5 to oppose talks. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: Doubtful that technical level talks can produce much advance toward agreement but they useful as mechanism keep negotiations in being. JCP rally, while impressive, was evidence of organizational skill and fine Sunday weather rather than of popular sentiment opposing talks. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL

1. Nationwide Half-Day Strike Averted

Council of Public Corporation and Government Enterprise Unions (Korokyo) April 16 called off illegal half-day strike which, if held, would have almost totally paralyzed Japan's transportation and communication services on April 17. Korokyo's original decision to strike had whipped up storm of criticism from Government, press, rival unions, and public. Projected strike also attacked by JCP which called it tactically and strategically ill-conceived. Government and union representatives met repeatedly during week seeking settlement at political level, culminating in "summit" meeting between

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Primin IKEDA and Sohyo Chairman OTA on 16th. Ikeda promised "efforts" to raise Government workers' salaries to private industry level which saved enough face for Korokyo to call off strike. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sohyo, which had scheduled strike as climax of 1964 "spring struggle," clearly emerged as loser. Failure of strike benefited Ikeda, who can claim major role in averting blow to economy. Despite anticipated criticism for "being soft on labor" from LDP Right Wing, Ikeda's smooth handling of strike threat should further entrance his third term chances. Following aborted strike, unless eventual wage increase ultimately awarded by arbitration panel is substantial, Sohyo's leadership likely to be severely hurt.

JCP "betrayal" of strike has exacerbated relations between JCP and JSP/Sohyo, and will probably make joint mass movements impossible in near future. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Zenro Holds 11th National Convention

Japan Trade Union Congress (Zenro Kaigi) held eleventh convention April 8-10 and formally decided to dissolve this fall. Thereafter Zenro's member unions will be affiliated directly with Domei Kaigi. Notable among resolutions adopted was demand for return of Okinawa.

Comment: Convention largely uneventful except for attendance, for first time, of union leaders from India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. Informal decision to dissolve had been taken two years ago. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. US-Japan Cooperation on Ryukyus

FonOff concurred with our counterdrafts of terms of reference for a Consultative Committee in Tokyo and a Technical Committee in Naha to facilitate Japan's economic aid for Ryukyu Islands. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: After many months of negotiations, ^{GOJ} looking forward to establishment of the two Committees which will mark major step in US-Japan cooperation on Ryukyu development. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Japan-Korea Negotiations

Korean negotiators April 16 briefed Japanese side on ROK developments since student demonstrations and suspension of negotiations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ negotiators remain ready to resume talks at any time though ratification of any agreement reached would of course hardly be possible at current Diet session. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL5. Reaction to Chicom Trade Fair

Communist China's Tokyo Trade Fair opened on April 11 drawing fairly large week-end crowds. Fair emphasizes ability of Communist China independently to produce industrial and agricultural products and has received considerable media play, half of which is pictorial. Editorial comment has mainly concentrated on WU incident (Week 14 Item 3) and rightist youth's splattering photo of Chicom leaders with ink-filled eggshell. Mainichi used fair as peg to note that Peiping has finally recognized importance of dealing with "elected government of Japan" rather than JSP. NHK radio devoted two special programs to trade fair and Japan-Chicom trade, concluding that chances were good for eventual improvement in trade with Communist China despite political obstacles. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Fair is probably useful to Peiping in creating atmosphere for increasing trade with Communist China. While cultural portions of Fair relatively well received, most visitors probably realize that manufactured items exhibited, compared to Japanese products, were of poor quality and old fashioned. (UNCLASSIFIED)

CULTURAL6. Foreign Cultural Presentations

Unusually large number of performing and visual arts presentations from abroad began in Tokyo on April 10 with Yomiuri-sponsored Chinese Communist exhibit of Tang and Sung porcelains. In cooperation with Nihon Keizai, USSR opened ancient-to-modern exhibit of art treasures, including bronzes, sculptures, irons and wood-carvings.

Annual Osaka International Festival opened April 11 with concert by 121-member USSR State Symphony Orchestra. Concert was well received. Other participants in Festival include Paris Conservatory Orchestra, Ballet of National Theatre of Belgrade and Beaux Arts Quartet. USSR Orchestra will later appear in Tokyo and Nagoya. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

MILITARY7. New JASDF Chief of Staff

Effective April 17, Lt General Shigeru URA was appointed Chief of Staff, JASDF, replacing retiring General Takeshi MATSUDA. New Vice Chief of Staff is Major General Koji TANAKA, promoted to Lt General. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: General URA, member of 44th class Military Academy (1932) was most logical choice for promotion from the deputy position which he held. However, elevation of Major General TANAKA at relatively tender age of 52 was unexpected, bypassing several Lt Generals who were likely candidates.
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3. Limited North Korean Travel to Japan
4. Poll Results on Recognition of Communist China and other Issues
5. Media Reaction to Reduction in Nuclear Production

POLITICAL

1. Informal Agreement Concluded with CPR

Kenzo MATSUMURA, (Weeka No. 15, Item 3) reached agreement April 19 with LIAO Cheng-Chih, President of ComChina-Japan Friendship Association, on exchange of newspaper correspondents and other matters. Beginning in June each side would send eight newsmen under one-sided "most-favored nation" arrangement whereby Japanese correspondents subject to usual ChiCom restrictions while ChiCom newsmen allowed same freedom as other foreign correspondents in Japan. Five Japanese Trade Liason Officers, under agreement, would be assigned to "Liao-Takasaki Offices" which already exist for expediting Japan-ComChina trade. Matsumura and Liao also reportedly agreed to consider

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100,000 ton fertilizer sale to Com China and to negotiate 1965 trade plan (under Liao-Takasaki overall 5 year plan) in late summer. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although GOJ and press generally approve objectives of plan, GOJ is concerned that trade offices may assume some of functions and position of consulate. Public generally approves Government's position that ChiCom press and trade representatives must not engage in political activities. GOJ is withholding official substantive comment until Matsumura returns May 5. Since discussions concerning fertilizer apparently unexpected by industry sources, this subject may have been broadened by ChiComs to exacerbate Japanese relations with GRC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ROK-Japan Relations

1. At Korean request ROK and GOJ have reactivated Sub-Committee on Basic Relations which has not met since 1952. First meeting on April 23 devoted to formalities; next meeting scheduled May 8. GOJ rep is Tatsuo HIROSE, one of two counsellors of Asian Bureau; Korean is RHIE Moon Yong, First Secretary of Korean Mission. Original purpose of committee was to draft basic treaty providing terms for establishment diplomatic-consular relations, including potentially thorny question of ROK sovereignty over North Korea. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sub-Committee will serve Korean purpose of keeping Japanese engaged in discussions, and removes appearance that developments in Seoul have completely disrupted discussions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. AgMin AKAGI returned April 19 from visit to Tsushima and Rhee Line area on board Maritime Safety Agency patrol boat. Embassy is informed that he was impressed by argument of small Tsushima fishermen that agreement with ROK would damage their interests by permitting larger Japanese boats fish in Tsushima Strait without fear ROK capture. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Fishermen's plea is merely restatement of old argument which GOJ has long since taken into account. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. FonOff provided Diet April 22 with paper giving resume Japanese and Korean positions on legal status Takeshima. FonOff has informed us that paper, which given in response opposition request, is factual expose, containing nothing new, and that several delicate points have purposely been obscured. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Paper was drafted with view to minimizing unfavorable repercussions in ROK. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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3. Limited North Korean Travel to Japan

Sources in FonOff say that GOJ planning refuse travel to Japan of Korean political and party leaders (including KLP Central Committee Vice Chairman YI Hyo-sun) requested by JSP leader Koichi YAMAMOTO (1963 Weeka 35, Item 2), and of three traders to visit Osaka Trade Fair. However, FonOff sources say, GOJ favorably considering applications NK Red Cross representatives visit Tokyo and, at request International Olympic Committee, will permit NK Olympic Committee inspect Olympic facilities late spring. GOJ also reportedly considering number of NK spectators to be permitted to Olympic Games in October with present thinking in 100-200 range.

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Comment: GOJ has forbidden entry North Koreans to Japan with single exception 10-member skating team to World Speedskating Contest February 1963. While GOJ has little choice concerning admission NK Olympic team members and officials, it should have greater degree flexibility concerning NK spectators. FonOff sources explained that decision re visit to Tokyo of NK Red Cross representatives is being considered in light of desire reduce JSP pressure during current Diet session; decision also influenced by fact that NKRC representatives are neither government or KWP members.

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PHYSIOLOGICAL4. Poll Results on Recognition of Communist China and Other Issues

Yomiuri Shimbun on April 19 published results of poll which included questions about Japan-ChiCom relations and other issues. Poll, based on sample of 3,000 of which 2,596 responded, revealed that: 22% favor slow approach to recognition ComChina; 14% say recognition should take place only if Chicoms accept existence of US-Japan Security Treaty and agree to refrain from political interference in domestic politics; 15% wanted immediate recognition; 1% opposed recognition as being dangerous; 17% felt they could not give simple answer to the problem. Remaining 31% had no opinion. On UN issue, 34% said Japan should move gradually towards ChiCom admission; 18% said Japan should follow world trend; 11% urged immediate seating; 3% opposed seating; remaining 34% had no opinion. On DSP's "two Chinas" proposal 23% favored "one-China, one-Taiwan"; 11% opposed the proposal; 23% thought it good idea but unattainable; and remaining 43% had no opinion. On ROK-Japan relations 33% said Japan should conclude normalization talks even by making some concessions; 31% said Japan should stick to its position; the remaining 36% had no opinion.

On question of liking various countries 46% said they liked the United States, 3% said the Philippines, 3% Taiwan, 2% China (sic), 2% Soviet Union; re countries respondents disliked, 30% said Soviet Union,

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9% South Korea, 5% North Korea, 5% said China (sic), and 2% said United States.

Comment: None

5. Media Reaction to Reduction in Nuclear Production

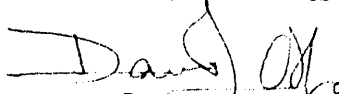
Japanese mass media hailed simultaneous announcement in New York, London and Moscow of cut-back in enriched uranium and plutonium production, giving top play news and editorial treatment to story. President Johnson's speech, which given primary emphasis, was interpreted as exposition of new "Johnson Diplomacy"; Asahi saw it as creative, positive determination to expand Kennedy policies. Most editorials called for continued effort to seek further understanding between US and USSR, particularly in field of actual disarmament. (UNCLASSIFIED)


Comment: None

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POLITICAL1. Lower House Passes Violence Control Bill

LDP majority in Lower House on April 28 passed Violence Control Bill with DSP support. JSP attempt to prevent vote on bill restricted to pro forma submission non-confidence motion against Justice Minister KAYA, which was easily defeated. Bill designed to strengthen police powers primarily for dealing with hoodlums.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Following "Golden Week" lull (from Emperor's Birthday April 29 to Children's Day May 5), political attention will turn to question of Diet extension, which LDP favors and JSP opposes. If, as anticipated, Diet is extended 30-40 days beyond May 17, automatic approval of Violence Control Bill by Upper House is assured. Passage

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of controversial bill would give PriMin IKEDA a major legislative accomplishment which he should find useful (but perhaps no longer essential) in his bid for reelection to Party presidency in July. (Embassy Airgram 1239) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JCP Delegation Returns from Moscow, Peking

JCP delegation under Central Committeeman Satomi HAKAMADA (Weeks 8, Item 3) returned April 30 from two-month "inspection" tour in which Moscow visit was followed by stopovers Peking, Pyongyang, and Hanoi. Delegation's activities, including conferences with other CP delegations led by BREZHNEV, LIU Shao-chih, KIM Il-sung, and LE Duan, and meetings with MAO and HO Chih-minh, have been given only "bare bones" treatment by JCP organs, with no reference to substance of discussions. Akahata did, however, run full text of Hakamada's Pyongyang speech of March 30, in which he warned against revisionism in international communist movement and urged KLP-JCP solidarity in fighting it. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Both Hakamada's speech and expansion of schedule enroute to include Pyongyang and Hanoi tend to confirm pre-departure speculation that tour was calculated to favor Chinese in Sino-Soviet rift. Hakamada's anti-revisionist harangue to "outside" audience (as opposed own Party) would seem to indicate intention of JCP's increasingly strong pro-ChiCom wing to take more positive (perhaps wider-ranging) role in support of Peking. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Ambassador Kimura Returns to Taipei

Ambassador KIMURA returned to Taiwan April 28 after nine-day stay in Japan, which FonOff characterized as "60% for physical check-up, 40% business". He consulted with PriMin IKEDA and other high officials concerning problems affecting Taiwan, including proposed sale second vinylon plant to Chicoms. FonOff told us that timing and terms of sale of plant not decided; other sources tell us that in order overcome GRC objections GOJ seeking some formula which would permit deferred payments without resorting to Ex-Im Bank facilities. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None

4. US, Japan Establish Mechanism for Ryukyu Aid

US-Japan agreement signed April 25 providing framework for joint promotion economic development of Ryukyu Islands. (Weeks 16, Item 3) Agreement established two bi-national committees: Consultative Committee in Tokyo for coordination aid policies and Technical Committee in Okinawa for implementing GOJ's aid program. Consultative Committee held initial

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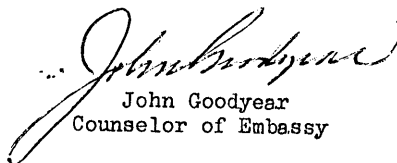
meeting immediately after signing ceremony; Technical Committee will probably meet in near future. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Long awaited agreement ends protracted negotiations. Agreement meets part way Japanese hopes for greater role in Ryukyu affairs. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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 6. Communist Party Censured at Teachers' Union Convention
 7. Admiral Nomura Dies

POLITICAL

1. Diet Back at Work

Short of political news during national hiatus of "Golden Week", press gave inordinate play to Construction Minister Ichiro KONO's April 27 statement at Yamagata suggesting LDP president be designated by discussion (interpreted by some as watering down Kono's prior commitment to back Ikeda in July) and LDP SecGen Shigesaburo MAEO's remarks in Kyoto May 2 in which he appeared to take Ikeda's third term for granted and declared that July Cabinet reshuffle would be large-scale. With last of holidays (Children's Day, May 5) now past, nation--and Dietmen--turning attention to such matters as how major pending legislation to be disposed of and whether Diet session must be extended or not. As of now, with Korean treaty hopes

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gone a-glimmering, Ikeda administration is more strongly committed than before to passage of ILO-87 and completion of Upper House action on Violence Control legislation, and will probably seek Diet session extension to provide time for deliberation. Bill to raise status of Defense Agency seen likely to be shelved once more. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kono could hardly renege now on virtual pledge of support for Ikeda's third term so his Yamagata suggestion may have been intended rather to smoke out true intentions of Ikeda's rivals Sato and Fujiyama. Maeno subsequently tried to soften his Kyoto remarks, but he and other LDP politicians are in fact more and more taking Ikeda third term for granted (even Ikeda- foe ex-Primin KISHI told Charge last week odds for third-term now about 60-40). Problem with ILO-87 remains one between "hard" and "soft" wings of LDP, rather than between LDP and opposition. LDP leadership reportedly received JSP pledge of only token opposition to anti-Violence Bill in exchange for LDP promise to stick to "KURAISHI Formula" on ILO package, which is acceptable to JSP. Whether or not it is needed for purpose of passing ILO-87, Ikeda would like Diet session extended in order to keep his rivals busy, cut down on politicking between end of session and July LDP elections. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Soka Gakkai Enters Lower House Race

Soka Gakkai announced plan on May 3 to enter 30 candidates in next Lower House election, concentrating on Tokyo (8), Kanagawa (3), and Osaka (5). Fukuoka and Hyogo will have 2 each and 10 other prefectures will have one each. In addition, Gakkai will sponsor 15 candidates in 1965 Upper House contest: 10 in national constituency and 5 in locals. Though probability of Soka Gakkai entry into House of Representatives at some point has been widely discussed for some time, announcement caused flurry of press comment and had unsettling effect on other parties. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Given Gakkai's skill in manipulating its vote, likely high proportion these candidates will be elected. Premature to predict which of other parties will lose most by Soka Gakkai entry into Lower House, although DSP (which also relies heavily on "floating" segment of electorate and is rumored to have received Gakkai support in last Lower House election) would seem to be particularly vulnerable in those districts where its candidates compete directly against Soka Gakkai's. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Matsumura Returns

Kenzo MATSUMURA returned from Communist China May 6 after approximately one month during which he held discussions with Chou En-lai and Chen Yi and negotiated draft agreements (WEEKA 17, Item 1). Matsumura told press he negotiated on basis that each side would respect other's

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political system and that exchange newspapermen would help eliminate misunderstandings between Japan and China. He said Chicom attitude toward US remains unchanged.

Matsumura saw PriMin IKEDA May 7 and expressed hope for prompt approval his agreement with Chicoms re trade reps and newsmen, stating he hoped exchange of newsmen could be effected in June. (Embassy informed that Matsumura negotiated without authorization of Japanese Publishers Association and that some members of Association will attempt revise draft agreement along lines more favorable to Japanese.) Ikeda reportedly replied authorities concerned giving his draft serious study.

Matsumura also reportedly told Ikeda Peiping more nationalist than Communist, that Chicoms emphasizing selfhelp in building economy, and that Chicom leaders told him that if US became less apathetic toward world peace and placed emphasis on Asian prosperity, Chicom attitude toward US would change. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Government and press gave only qualified approval to Matsumura's performance in Peking. Their concern occasioned by fear that status of trade representatives may be too formal and by belief that Matsumura failed secure best possible deal for Japanese reporters in Peking. While we expect final approval along general lines of Matsumura's draft agreements, minor revisions may be required before draft agreements approved. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Mikoyan to Visit Japan

Soviet Ambassador informed FonOff May 1 that Soviet Deputy Premier MIKOYAN will head ten-man Soviet Parliamentary Delegation scheduled visit Japan May 13-26. FonOff has told us that presumably Mikoyan intends discuss important Soviet-Japan issues, including disposition Habomai and Shikotan islands. There is also report that Mikoyan will bring up question air agreement with Japan and speculation that one purpose his visit may be to attempt prevent drift of Japan toward Chicoms. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Visit by parliamentary delegation had been scheduled for some time but designation of Mikoyan as delegation head reportedly took FonOff by surprise. GOJ can be expected reaffirm its position on Habomai and Shikotan and generally take strong position. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ROK Tries Keep GOJ Hopes Up

Press reports Korean Amb PAI met GOJ Chief Delegate SUGI May 7 to state that ROKG hopes for resumption negotiations but has not yet determined composition Korean delegation. Sugi protested ROK seizure Japanese fishing vessel May 5 and said that when talks resume, negotiations should continue from where they had left off. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: In absence Korean decision on composition ROK delegation, meeting could accomplish nothing except survey ROK desire continue talks at some time in future. Sugi's remarks were to emphasize GOJ opposition to possibility ROK would present stiffer position when negotiations resume. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Communist Party Censured at Teachers' Union Convention

590,000-member Japan Teachers' Union (Nikkyoso) opened 4-day annual convention May 6 with headline-making speech by Chairman MIYANOHARA attacking the Japan Communist Party (JCP). Miyanochara denounced JCP opposition to Sohyo's aborted April 17 "general strike" (WEEKKA 16, Item 1) as "betrayal of the nations's workers." Sohyo SecGen IWAI deplored flouting of strike orders by JCP members, but declared himself opposed to precipitate punitive action.

Since election of officers not scheduled this year, convention focussed on Nikkyoso action program, which calls for intensified drive for higher wages and immediate ratification of ILO-87, and opposition to Government's scholastic and aptitude test program, ROK-Japan talks, and anti-violence bill. Debate featured by pro-JCP faction attack on moderate leadership, centered/terms of ILO-related domestic labor law amendments and Communist censure issues. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Leadership faction, with a 3-to-1 edge in delegate strength, is expected to have little difficulty in getting its program adopted intact. Miyanochara's reprimand of JCP foreshadows similar statements by leaders of other mainstream Sohyo unions which will hold conventions in next few months. Whether reprimand of JCP members should include disciplinary actions can be expected to be sharply debated particularly in government service unions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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7. Admiral Nomura Dies

Admiral Kichisaburo NOMURA, 86, Ambassador to US at time of Pearl Harbor and "father" of present-day Maritime Self Defense Force, passed away May 8 after three year illness. Adm.Nomura was long-time friend of US and influential proponent of rearmament for self defense. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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4. Pending Resignation of Chairman, Joint Staff Council (JSC)
5. British Commonwealth Task Force Visits Japan

POLITICAL1. Mikoyan Visit

First Deputy Premier MIKOYAN, leading delegation of 11 Soviet parliamentarians (plus four press reps and 12 others), arrived May 14 for two week visit. Schedule calls for representational activities (including audience with Emperor) in Tokyo and side trips to western Japan and Hokkaido. GOJ has also arranged for Mikoyan to be present at Lower House plenary session on May 15 at which Japan's ratification of partial nuclear test-ban treaty will be voted on. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press speculates that Soviets, concerned over recent trends toward Japan-ChiCom friendship, are in accommodating mood and Mikoyan aims to negotiate outstanding issues in Japan-Sov relations. FonOff expects further negotiations during Mikoyan visit on civil aviation, northern territorial issues, and cultural

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exchange, but is skeptical any agreements will materialize soon.

Mikoyan's presence at test-ban treaty ratification will focus press and public attention on JCP and pro-ChiCom elements of JSP, both of whom oppose treaty in face of overwhelming popular support for its passage. Socialist dissidents are unlikely to break Party ranks by voting against ratification, but 5-men JCP delegation is expected to voice opposition to treaty from Diet floor and vote against it en bloc. Such spitting of Peking line directly into Mikoyan's eye is measure of how far ChiComs have extended their influence in JCP, and is likely cause even further deterioration of JCP-Soviet relations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. GOJ Supports Aid to South Vietnam

Charge called on FonMin OHIRA on May 11 to request GOJ participate in multinational effort aid GVN. FonMin said May 13 in Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee that GOJ considers it should give all possible help to stabilize economy and living conditions in Vietnam, and that government considering assistance which would help agricultural and fishing industries. US request, GOJ initial positive reaction, and varying reactions from European capitals given wide play in press; however, no editorial comment yet in Japanese press. English language Japan Times May 14 called US request embarrassing and said that Japanese wished avoid becoming involved in Vietnam, but hoped that government could find way deal with Vietnam situation which would leave Japan as free from entanglements as possible. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As Times editorial indicates, Japanese public is not anxious to become entangled in what is widely regarded here as sticky and unpleasant problem. Accordingly, opposition attempt to block GOJ's offer of assistance may attract some degree of popular support. Is unlikely, however, to present GOJ's limited participation in Vietnam effort. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. ROK-Japan Relations

a) ROK Coast Guard boarded JMSDF ship Chikugo May 13 and detained it east of Mokpo for ten hours before releasing it. Incident was given prominent play in Japanese news media, and FonOff protested action as violation international law, pointing out government ships have right of safe passage, even in territorial waters other countries. MSA officials reported seven Korean newsmen aboard Korean coast guard vessel. (CONFIDENTIAL)

b) Korean Ambassador PAE May 14 informed Japanese chief negotiator SUGI that ROK considering sending former Agriculture Minister WON to Tokyo end of next week to resume fisheries negotiations and asked whether Japanese Agriculture Minister AKAGI's schedule would permit meeting. GOJ now

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considering setting date. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Detention Japanese Government vessel regarded particularly seriously, only two others have been arrested in past. Presence of Korea newsmen indicates arrest was for domestic political purposes. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY4. Pending Resignation of Chairman, Joint Staff Council (JSC)

General Keizo HAYASHI, Chairman, JSC, has informed COMUSFJ that he is requesting retirement effective July 1. Senior JDA civilian official confirmed this report to ARMA on May 13. Source stated General HAYASHI's replacement will most probably be General Kan OHMORI, Chief of Staff, JGSDF with Admiral Ichizo SUGIE, Chief of Staff, JMSDF as second choice. (CONFIDENTIAL)

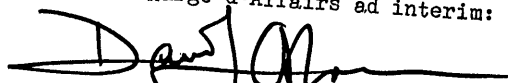
Comment: Ohmori and Sugie are only likely candidates to replace Hayashi, although appointment of Ohmori, who would normally retire August 1965, would require waiver by Prime Minister of statutory retirement limitation if Ohmori is to serve full term. On basis present information, Ohmori appears to have slightly better chance than Sugie. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. British Commonwealth Task Force Visits Japan

A British Commonwealth Task Force of the Far East Fleet is conducting annual visit to Japanese ports. Task Force, under VADM J.P. SCATCHARD in aircraft carrier HMS Victorious, consists of 13 British, New Zealand, and Australian naval vessels; it will visit Tokyo, seven other Japanese ports. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Routine visit. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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6. Maritime Safety Agency Annual Review
7. Chief of Staff, Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) to Visit U.S.

POLITICAL1. JCP Expels pro-Soviet Dietmen Shiga and Suzuki

JCP's veteran Lower House member Yoshio SHIGA, who broke "iron" discipline of Peking-leaning Party May 15 by voting against JCP colleagues for ratification of nuclear test-ban treaty (Embtel 3412), was expelled from Party at midnight session of Central Committee May 21. Also expelled was Ichizo SUZUKI, pro-Soviet JCP member of Upper House who had expressed intention follow Shiga's lead and support treaty in Upper House vote May 25. Expulsions followed

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week of increasingly harsh attacks on Shiga by Party organ Akahata for assortment of crimes against Party and masses, not least of which was his lack of contrition. Announcement to press was made personally by SecGen Kenji MIYAMOTO, who had scurried back May 18 from "convalescent" visit to China (Week 8, Item 3), presumably to play leading role in disciplining of Shiga and in dealing with unrest in Party which it almost certainly will generate. Expulsions reduce Shiga and Suzuki to status of independents in Diet, and drop JCP holdings to 4 in Lower House, 3 in Upper. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Shiga incident is first open manifestation of pro-ChiCom ^{mainstream} effort to squeeze pro-Soviets out of key Party positions and consolidate own absolute control. Apparently mainstream had hoped to accomplish this gradually over summer, avoiding open fight, with view to some positive, perhaps dramatic, move in favor Peking at 9th Party Congress scheduled mid-September. Now that Shiga has thrown fat in fire, however, general unrest among supporters of Soviet line will probably lead to more defections and expulsions, perhaps exceeding scale of KASUGA defections in 1961.

Unlikely, however, that formal split in Party will occur, or that any effective pro-Soviet CP will emerge in foreseeable future. Anti-ChiCom dissidents are fragmented into isolated, numerically inferior, and often mutually suspicious groups, and are lacking in both leadership and financial backing. Most probable development is departure over next several months of most determined exponents of Soviet line, individually or in scattered knots, and increasingly bold support of ChiCom position by overwhelmingly Peking oriented JCP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Sato Faction Prods Leader

Eager to get SATO bandwagon rolling, members of Thursday Club (new name for Sato Faction) demanded May 16 that Sato run in July LDP election, but Sato is still balking at formal declaration of intent. At private conference May 21, former PriMin YOSHIDA reportedly urged Sato to refrain from challenging Ikeda in July, seek instead Ikeda's agreement to peaceful transfer of power later on, but did not succeed in getting Sato to commit himself. Meanwhile other groups and individuals (most notably LDP SecGen MAEO) have begun echoing suggestion of KONO that designation of Party President be negotiated among Party leaders, thus obviating need for contested election. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Normal way of playing Sato's hand would be to avoid showing cards until last minute, so he will probably put off formal declaration until middle or late June at earliest. At same time, he cannot afford actively to discourage his supporters, so must go along at least part way with their efforts to rally support for him. Yoshida's fondest hope is to set up smooth transition from Ikeda to Sato.

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Deal whereby Sato would hold off challenging Ikeda until some future time (after Olympics but no later than July, 1965) seems to him best way of accomplishing this; however, "deal" is not attractive to Ikeda or Sato as long as either thinks he has chance of winning presidency unencumbered. Revival at this time of proposals for negotiated designation of party president (similar plan put forward by MIKI Reform Committee was shelved by LDP convention in January) reflects varying motives; Maeo presumably thinks negotiated choice would inevitably be Ikeda, Kono's supporters probably satisfied that composition of negotiating body would assure anti-Sato majority, and others making proposal would just like to avert the costly, corruption-breeding & divisive process of a party presidential election at this time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Mikoyan Visit

After round of representational activities and talks with GOJ in Tokyo, Mikoyan visited Osaka, Hiroshima and Kyushu May 18-22. Plans return Tokyo May 23 and Moscow May 27. Soviet experts have negotiated daily with FonOff since May 18 on commercial aviation. Mikoyan activities in Tokyo received prominent press attention. News highlight of his trip to western Japan was in Hiroshima where he predicted eventual world agreement banning all types of nuclear weapons tests. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While some Japanese are disappointed that Mikoyan not more forthcoming re outstanding issues, especially return of southern Kurile Islands, few seriously entertained such exaggerated hopes. Commercial aviation negotiations so far have produced no definite prospect of fulfillment of Japan's wish to operate its aircraft on route to Moscow. Most important "success" of visit so far may thus be general impression that Mikoyan has conveyed of Soviet progress since 1961 toward peaceful reasonableness. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ROK-Japan Negotiations Stir Without Moving

ROK Ambassador PAE suggested informally to Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU May 14 that Koreans thinking of normalizing first and settling outstanding problems later. Pae also asked for reopening fisheries negotiations between AgMins WON and AKAGI following week; however, Akagi has informed Pae pressure Diet business precludes resumption negotiations before late May or early June. While press reported May 20 that GOJ willing extend Export-Import Bank-backed commercial loans to ROK before normalization, FonOff explained no loans have been made because ROK seeking softer terms than normally approved by ExIm Bank. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOJ reluctant to rush negotiations because of reservations concerning ability ROKG to make acceptable agreement and sell same to Korean people. FonOff Korean expert MAEDA left for weeks tour of Korea May 20 and FonOff will await his return before making any definite moves.

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Basic GOJ desire to reach settlement remains, however--Chief Cabinet Secretary KUROGANE informed Charge May 18 GOJ desire conclude negotiations as soon as possible. Willingness extend commercial credit attributable in part to belief normalization agreement cannot be ratified this year, even if signed, and desire provide assistance needed by Korean economy. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Aid to Vietnam

Press reported Fon Min OHIRA May 19 informed Cabinet that Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam TAKAHASHI had urged GOJ extend increased aid for public welfare and relief for economic difficulties in addition to promoting current negotiations on developmental loans and credits. Ohira said on basis Takahashi's recommendations FonOff compiling aid program which would be discussed with other ministries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ attempting make increased aid to Vietnam appear as Japanese initiative and not result US prodding. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARY

6. Maritime Safety Agency's Annual Review

Japanese Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) celebrated its 16th anniversary with a naval review in Tokyo Bay May 16. Participating in review were 14 ships and 4 aircraft from all 10 Regional Districts; reviewing officer was Minister of Transportation Kentaro AYABE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Review, smoothly conducted, was part of continuing effort to educate public as to MSA's mission and to procure bigger budget for MSA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Chief of Staff, Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) to Visit U. S.

General Kan OHMORI, Chief of Staff JGSDF, accompanied by Major General Hiroshi WATANABE, G3 GSO, and aide Lieutenant Colonel Shinichi OHTSUKA will leave Tokyo May 24 on visit to U.S. as guests of Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. Party scheduled to return Japan June 12. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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 4. NAN Han-Chen Concludes Moderately Successful Visit
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POLITICAL

1. Fujiyama Tosses Hat Toward Ring.

LDP Executive Board Chairman Aichiro FUJIYAMA, long considered likely contestant for LDP presidency in July, made statement at Osaka May 27 widely interpreted as formal declaration of candidacy, although statement's fine print still leaves him some loopholes. This followed luncheon conversation with Charge May 26 in which Fujiyama expressed his annoyance with Eisaku SATO for having jumped the gun with his tentative moves toward contesting Ikeda's reelection in July (WEEKA 21, Item 2). Indicating that Sato's maneuvers might force his own hand, Fujiyama said real open season for politicians should not start until after Diet session ends (i.e., June 27). He also said there still "20 percent possibility" Sato might decide against running, depending on success of YOSHIDA's efforts get him

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and Ikeda to agree on time for handing over reins peacefully. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: As of now, seems probable Sato and Fujiyama will both run at July Convention and will concentrate on blocking first-ballot victory for Ikeda, with understanding that whichever of the two gets least votes will switch support to the other on second ballot. However, July outlook still far from certain. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Diet Approves Test Ban Treaty.

GOJ ratification partial nuclear test ban treaty was assured May 25 by favorable vote of 151 to 3 (Communist Party) in House of Councillors. Ichizo SUZUKI, who was expelled from JCP along with Yoshio SHIGA (WEEK 21, Item 1), voted for treaty as Independent. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

3. Mikoyan Visit Ends.

Mikoyan departed for Moscow May 27, concluding two week visit. Following return from western Japan May 23, Mikoyan called on Emperor (first Soviet Cabinet minister to do so), and met with broad range of Government, political, business, and labor leaders. In talks with Socialists, Mikoyan rejected idea of non-aggression pact among US, USSR, ComChina and Japan, and also said that ForMin Ohira had been cool to cultural treaty providing for exchange of students and professors, which Soviets favor. Mikoyan promised Eisaku SATO he would consider request for Japanese visits to graves on Kurile Islands. At luncheon hosted by major economic federations he sought Japanese cooperation in development of Siberia, promising to disclose elements of Siberian Five Year Plan when it is drawn up. During second Ikeda-Mikoyan meeting on May 26, PriMin again asked for return of Etorofu and Kunashiri Islands, which he termed prerequisite for conclusion of peace treaty. When Mikoyan attempted to rely on San Francisco Peace Treaty as basis for claim that territorial issue settled, Ikeda neatly countered by reminding Mikoyan that Soviets declined to associate themselves with Treaty. In series of press conferences Mikoyan indicated that no real progress had been made on commercial air agreement (though we understand that diplomatic negotiations are to continue for a provisional agreement to handle Olympic traffic), asked for long-term Japanese credits, and expressed surprise that it had taken Japan so long to seek better ties with Communist China. Mikoyan also spoke to Waseda University students, who gave him good, but not wildly enthusiastic, reception. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Mikoyan's "reasonableness" and optimistic forecast of better Soviet-Japanese relations impressed Japanese favorably. Contrasted with 1961 visit, Mikoyan's tour went off without hitch or incident, and he left no ruffled feelings. Japanese obviously flattered by high level Soviet

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attention without, they believe, previous overtones of "interference in Japanese domestic affairs." His pointed disinclination to criticize ChiComs in local forums probably was also good public relations (See Item 4). While condemning US actions in Southeast Asia and failure approve total nuclear test ban, Mikoyan declined comment on US-Japan relations, demonstrating considerably more finesse than during last trip to Japan. Visit did not solve any issues between two countries or even necessarily bring solutions nearer, but Soviet image as constructive, peaceable power eager for friendship and for more trade undoubtedly enhanced. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. NAN Han-chen Concludes Moderately Successful Visit.

NAN Han-chen (Chairman, China Committee for Promotion of International Trade) on May 21 concluded six-week schedule in Tokyo, Kansai and Kyushu. In talks with many business leaders he stressed Communist China's willingness to supply Japan with raw materials provided Japanese conclude long-term agreements. He recognized Japanese technical superiority, and said China eager to buy Japanese factories and acquire Japanese technical knowledge. He emphasized necessity for balanced bilateral trade. Nan played political comments in low key, attributing present unsatisfactory state of Sino-Japanese relations to foreign influence, which adversely affecting trade between two countries. In one meeting, Nan made widely quoted remark that Communist China will not enter United Nations as long as Taiwan problem not settled even if this takes 100 years. Nan met with LDP political leader Eisaku SATO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: We believe that Nan's visit--though completely overshadowed by Mikoyan's which served to heighten impression of Communist rivalry for Japan's affections--helped keep alive mood for closer relations with mainland. By restricting political invective to minimum and avoiding altogether any reference to conflict with Soviets, Nan catered to Japanese desire to believe that trade with ChiComs can be kept separate from politics. Noteworthy that Mikoyan also in his public statements tried to downplay Sino-Soviet rivalry.

Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA told EmbOff he presumed Sato sought meeting with Nan as part of effort keep his image from becoming too "reactionary." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY

5. Attempt to Procure Destroyer from ChiNats

Former crew members of one of Japan's most successful WWII destroyers, 2500 ton YUKIKAZE, are attempting to outbid scrap dealers for the ship which is now ChiNat Navy Flagship (renamed TANYANG). YUKIKAZE,

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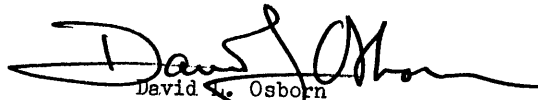
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Japan's "Ace Destroyer", survived major South Pacific battles was given to ChiNats after war. Former crew members are negotiating with ChiNat Embassy, Tokyo after report that she would be sold for scrap. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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World position in South Vietnam. They said situation there need not cause panic and that there are still ways to bring about improvement.

Ambassadors agreed Japan would derive little benefit from establishing Ambassadorial level contacts with Peiping and expressed belief that occasional encounters in third countries are sufficient. They said ChiCom threat to SEA not military one but result of psychological and political pressures arising from ChiCom proximity and ideological and political ties between insurgents and Commie countries. Ambassadors were in general agreement with stationing of ChiCom trade reps in Japan and discounted possibility direct negotiations between GRC and CPR. Ambassadors urged government adopt more positive attitude concerning economic assistance to SEA..

In connection with Honolulu conference, which reported prominently all papers, media so far have shown no positive support for U.S. policy, but some understanding and sympathy for U.S. in its "dilemma". Much of comment tacitly or explicitly endorses views of Lippman or de Gaulle and exhibits vague dissatisfaction with Ohira's forthright endorsement of U.S. position. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ohira statement and well publicized support of his position by Asian Ambassadors may serve to educate public out of its present apathy, permit GOJ adopt more positive approach to Vietnam and other Asian problems. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. LDP Vice President ONO Dies

Bamboku ONO died of heart attack May 29, touching off speculation about unsettling effect this might have on Prime Minister IKEDA's chances for re-election at LDP convention in July. Initial reaction of Ono faction was announcement of intention to stick together under temporary leadership of Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA, with implication they will vote as bloc for Ikeda in July. However, faction's forty-odd convention votes will be object of increasingly intense competition as July approaches. During long illness preceding Ono's death, some observers had worried about possible effect of his demise on ROK-Japan negotiations, as he had been one of main LDP proponents of settlement; but current developments in ROK make these worries seem irrelevant. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Solidity of Ikeda's centrist coalition has been shaken by death of Ono and consequent freeing of votes of his faction. Ikeda's principal rival, Eisaku SATO, stands good chance of getting some, possibly most, of faction's votes--if he does decide to run. On balance, however, Ikeda's chances still seem better than even. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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From TOKYO3. ROK-Japan Relations

In response JSP interpellations June 4, FonMin Ohira informed Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee that GOJ would not comment upon current situation in Seoul but is viewing developments with sympathy and deep understanding. GOJ has no intention postponing talks.

ROK Mission requested postponement weekly PAE-SUGI meeting June 4 pending clarification Seoul situation. FonOff has not yet received formal proposal resume WON-AKAGI fisheries negotiations which NEA section Chief MAEDA, during recent visit to Seoul, had been told would resume about June 10. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOJ deeply concerned with chaotic Korean situation, lacks real confidence in possibility early resumption, but is ready to resume negotiations whenever situation permits. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Tokyo District Court Sentences "Sanmu" Plot Leaders

Tokyo District Court September 30 sentenced 8 of 12 defendants in 1961 "Sanmu" assassination and coup d'etat conspiracy (1961 Weeka 50, Item 1) to prison terms ranging from 2 years to 8 months suspended, finding remaining 4 not guilty. Defendants, who were arrested December 1961 for amateurish plot to assassinate Ikeda Cabinet, certain leftists, and establish government of "no taxes, no unemployment, no war" (3 "no's", or san-mu), were first to be convicted under Anti-Subversive Law since passage in 1952. Sentencing given brief, prominent treatment by media, most of which noted irony of fact that Law, which designed prevent leftist plotting, was first used against rightists. Also noted was fact that Self Defense Forces officers whom coup leader had approached had refused any part of conspiracy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

5. German Parliamentary Visits Japan and Korea

Dr. Eugen GERSTENMAIER, Speaker of German Parliament, returned to Bonn June 2 after four week lecture-goodwill tour of Japan and Korea. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Most noteworthy aspects of Gerstenmaier's visits were proposal for elliptical structure of NATO with focal point at Paris-Brussels as well as Washington, and encouragement to Japanese and Koreans to normalize relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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HAYASHIO and WAKASHIO, both Japanese-built 750 ton JMSDF submarines, departed Yokosuka June 2 on 80 day training cruise to Hawaii. Training at Naval Base, Pearl Harbor will include utilization of facilities, such as escape training tower, not available in Japan. They are scheduled to return to Japan August 20. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JMSDF submarine OYASHIO made similar cruise June-August 1962. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. Reassignment of Soviet Military Attache

Soviet Military Attache, Major General Konstantin Yefimovich SESKIN has told Arm/A he may leave Japan about July 17 for reassignment. He believes his replacement will be Colonel A. F. KOSITSIN, who was Military Attache Tokyo 1957-60. PonOff has received no word on Colonel Kositsin's possible assignment here.

Comment: None

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POLITICAL1. KONO Four-Square (?) For IKEDA

LDP hopefuls Eisaku SATO (WEEKA 23, Item 2) and Aichiro FUJIYAMA (WEEKA 22, Item 1) having all but openly declared their intention to contest IKEDA's reelection at July LDP convention, Ichiro KONO evidently felt he could not just stand there; so he made statement at Beppu June 8 interpreted as declaration of support for Ikeda third term. This put kibosh on recent revival of speculation about Sato-Kono rapprochement, but it by no means halted pre-convention maneuvering. Sato told Emboff June 10 that while his political position weak in terms of factional alignments, he was "full of confidence" he could win over enough individual members of factions in anti-Sato line-up to block first-ballot victory for Ikeda; he felt that if Ikeda

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lost on first ballot, Ikeda might then withdraw leaving field to Sato.
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Comment: It seems more than ever definite that Sato and Fujiyama will run in July, Fujiyama against astronomical odds, Sato against odds now rated about sixty-forty. Sato would probably still be glad accept deal whereby Ikeda would step down in his favor, in return for Sato's withdrawing from July race-- if step-down occurred this year. Ikeda most unlikely offer such favorable terms. Re Sato's hopes to block first ballot victory for Ikeda, Sato has been trying to establish point that for Party President to receive less than majority support would be tantamount to vote of no-confidence, should be grounds for resignation. This would mean that if Sato and Fujiyama between them could muster more than half of convention votes, then Ikeda would have to drop out, leaving Sato to clobber Fujiyama. Normal run-off procedure is of course for second ballot to be between two top contenders on first ballot (which would doubtless be Ikeda and Sato), so that if some Fujiyama votes switched back to Ikeda on second ballot, Sato would be defeated. Another point Sato has been trying to establish is that additional candidates are prohibited by party regulations from entering lists after first ballot. There have been rumors that Kono might try to do just that--support Ikeda on first ballot, then if he failed get majority, enter race himself. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. GOJ Considering Emergency Aid to ROK

Concern over deteriorating Japanese image in Korea and worsening economic situation in ROK is prompting GOJ officials to give serious consideration to extending emergency aid to ROK even before political normalization. FonOff, at prompting of PriMin Ikeda, is reportedly considering some such steps as deferred payment export of commodities, machine parts and raw materials on same terms as 1963 deferred payment exports to Indonesia, and offer of large amounts food grains to be repayed over three years after two-year grace period. Asahi, which broke "leak", noted that FonOff planning to coordinate Japanese efforts to over-all US aid program.

At June 11 meeting with chief Japanese negotiator SUGI and Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU, Korean Ambassador PAE said that ROK prefers capital goods, which would provide employment, to consumer goods. On grounds ROK prefers trade to aid, Pae also hoped Japan could increase imports of agricultural and fishing products. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: GOJ's apparent intention to grant aid to ROK on emergency basis before normalization constitutes major policy shift, probably reflecting concern over political consequences of what Asahi calls "economic catastrophe." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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FROM TOKYO3. Sukarno and Lopez Arrive for Summit

Indonesian President SUKARNO, accompanied by FonMin SUBANDRIO, arrived June 7, for Maphilindo Summit, and met PriMin Ikeda June 9 and 10. According to press when Ikeda expressed Japanese hope Indos will attend Olympics, Sukarno replied Indos would participate if IOC will let bygones be bygones. Japanese economic aid also discussed. Sukarno informed Ikeda he plans return home after summit and invited Ikeda for visit.

Philippine special envoy LOPEZ arrived June 9, told press he saw no obstacles to Summit, and predicted Bangkok negotiations would soon reach successful conclusion.

Japanese Ambassadors to three Maphilindo countries are in Tokyo; FonMin Ohira has announced Japanese have no plan take part in talks.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

4. Brundage Discusses Olympics

President of IOC, Avery BRUNDAGE, arrived from Taipei June 8 for three-day stay. In press conference June 10 he said if Indonesia willing follow the rules it welcome to participate. Referring to Indonesian rowdiness at Thomas Cup (badminton) championship as indication some countries show mistaken spirit of trying to win at any cost, he said such countries need to be taught Olympic spirit of fair play. Brundage said unified Chinese team not possible because of conflicting views of two Olympic committees, but said door for Red China open if it follows rules.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese would like very much to have Indos participate and will endeavor find some compromise between IOC and Indos, but recent Indo attitude at badminton brawl has left no illusions re Indo sportsmanship.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL5. ChiCom Foreign Minister TV Interview

Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) June 11, presented exclusive 30 minute interview by news director Hiroshi HASHIMOTO with ChiCom FonMin CHEN Yi, filmed May 7 in Chengtu. Broadcast also carried on nationwide TV. Interview was first exclusive ^{standard} interview granted commercial Japanese broadcaster. Chen Yi gave response to Two China questions, and took very

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hard line on reparations issue (no settlement until resumption formal relations). Chen maintained China must have nuclear weapons for self-defense, unless total nuclear disarmament pact is signed.

TBS carried questions in Japanese, Chen's responses in Chinese, with sub-titles, which were occasionally softened to make him sound less hard-boiled. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although interview was widely promoted in radio-TV pages of press, program probably disappointing to viewers, since production was primitive, sub-titles were changed too quickly. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY6. MSA Arms Its Patrol Vessels

Unarmed Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) patrol vessel, in attempting capture "mystery" craft (crew and craft's nationality unknown) at anchor off Tsushima Island May 30, was driven off ^{at} point by "mystery" craft's crew. Press gave wide coverage to incident and criticized GOJ policy which sent MSA into such dangerous situations unarmed. MSA, long wanting to arm its officers and vessels, used public sentiment over incident (and earlier ROK seizure and detention of MSA vessel - See WEEKA 20, Item 3) to secure Cabinet approval June 5 of plan to arm ten patrol vessels operating in Japan Sea with machine guns and automatic rifles, and equip with bullet-proof vests and steel helmets. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Arming of MSA vessels will enable Japanese to adopt higher posture not only against Korean smugglers and illegal entrants but also against Rhee Line patrol. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Diet in Wind-up Phase

With just one week remaining before end of extended Diet session on June 27, LDP members of Upper House Justice Committee overrode Socialist opposition to complete committee action on Violence Bill (WEEKA 18, Item 1); ruling party-opposition differences were still unresolved June 18, and it looked as though LDP might decide

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ram bill through plenary.

ILO-87 ratification bill remained in coma and perhaps dead as JSP insisted that KURAIISHI Compromise Plan be passed as drafted, LDP elements insisted on deleting provisions acknowledging Teachers' Union's right to negotiate at central government level, and DSP insisted that its plan for splitting legislative package was only realistic solution. Meanwhile, Asahi Shinbun opinion poll results published June 15 (Item 7) show Ikeda's popular support rating down 5% from last year's 43%, but still unprecedently high for prime minister ending second term. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Build-up of tension, typical of wind-up phase of Diet sessions, would doubtless have been even more pronounced had it not been for distraction afforded by earthquake disaster in northwest Japan (Item 3); approach of LDP presidential election in July has added to tension regularly generated by last-minute push on legislation. Progress--or lack of it--in disposing of legislative calendar has much relevance to LDP elections, in that most serious infra-party grievance against Ikeda is alleged "do-nothing" character of his administration. Also, Takeo MIKI, whose faction is key element in centrist coalition backing Ikeda, is head of LDP policy Board, with responsibility for coordinating Party views on ILO (and other legislation); Ikeda must push at least hard enough to keep Miki from feeling let down. Failure to get any significant Diet action at all on ILO (which now seems possibility) would presumably reduce Ikeda's lead over his likely opponents Eisaku SATO and Aiichiro FUJIIYAMA, though probably not enough to prevent his reelection. While LDP convention delegates are not bound by results of opinion poll, popularity of party chief is consideration in general elections and hence not entirely without relevance to choice delegates must make in July. At any rate poll results will reinforce Ikeda's determination to stay in office. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Maphilindo Summit Nears

With Indonesian President SUKARNO and FonMin SUBANDRIO and Philippine FonMin MENDEZ and special Ambassador LOPEZ already in town, Malaysian Deputy PriMin RAZAK arrived June 12, PriMin RAHMAN arrived June 14, and Philippine President MACAPAGAL arrived June 13 to complete cast of summit. FonMins met June 18 to draw up agenda for chiefs of government meeting which will be held when Thais officially verify that withdrawal of Indonesian guerrillas from Malaysian Borneo territory has begun. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Lopez' indefatigable efforts to compromise differences between Indos and Malaysians and Malaysian willingness start ministerial meeting before withdrawals began have contributed to limited success attained so far. Sukarno also showing unaccustomed restraint, staying in Tokyo despite threat to his dominance of limelight posed by state visit of Malaysian King and Queen (Item 6). Japanese following situation situation closely but staying well in background. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from TOKYO3. Niigata Earthquake

Severe earthquake measuring 7.7 on Richter scale struck the Niigata - Yamagata - Akita area of Japan around 1 p.m. on June 16 with resulting heavy damage to property, utilities, and communications facilities. 25 persons were reported killed, 13 missing and 386 injured. Earthquake was followed by tidal waves which inundated homes, roads, and farming land over wide area. GOJ immediately organized Disaster Relief Center in Prime Minister's Office and placed Construction Minister KONO in charge; Center is directing work of Self-Defense Forces (Item 8) and relief agencies in rendering assistance to stricken areas. Within minutes after news of disaster, Embassy informed Foreign Office that U.S. prepared provide all possible assistance. On June 17, Air Self-Defense Forces had asked USFJ provide emergency aid in form medical supplies, a medical team, two helicopters and a C-130 aircraft with supply fire-fighting foam to help battle fires in fuel storage areas of Niigata City. USFJ responded promptly and generously to this request. Authorities in stricken areas appear to have situation under control and relief work is proceeding satisfactorily. U.S. assistance, plus President Johnson's prompt note of sympathy to Prime Minister Ikeda mentioned by all media.

Comment: None.4. Ryukyuan Government Difficulties

Resignation of Ryukyuan Chief Executive OTA, submitted June 16 to U.S. High Commissioner, quickly generated public interest in Japan. In June 17 Diet interpellation on Ryukyuan matters generally, JSP representative questioned FonMin OHIRA specifically on Ota resignation, got response that Ohira felt sorry for Ota, who in difficult position. At press conference June 18 Director General of Prime Minister's Office reportedly said situation in Ryukyus has worsened and GOJ is concerned. Other diplomatic representatives in Tokyo (French, Italian) have also expressed to Embassy their interest in developments. Press attention has been objective and constant, with interest focused principally on whether HICOM will accept resignation. Press has also noted tentative resignations of Ota's principal GRI assistants, pending outcome of Ota's resignation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Most Japanese interpret Ota's resignation as protest of HICOM's direct intervention in Ryukyuan Government activities and as plea for greater autonomy. Official interest has overtones of disappointment that political situation in Ryukyus under U.S. administration has reached critical stage and hopeful concern that situation will improve, and that U.S. image will not be damaged. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. GOJ in Quandary on Pre-normalization Aid to Korea

Against background of discussions regarding possible Japanese aid to Korea in advance of normalization, and in response to FonOff request

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Embassy has provided GOJ with figures on U.S. aid to Korea and suggested areas in which Japanese aid would be helpful. FonOff discussions have concentrated on measures which would have immediate impact on present crisis in Korea. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Though GOJ concerned about situation in Korea it is in quandary as to how to proceed. On one hand, U.S. and ROK are discouraging furnishing of foodstuffs and consumer goods on ground that no real need exists for these items in Korea or that they would be resented by Korean public; on other hand, GOJ is hesitant about undertaking financing of capital projects while Korean situation remains unstabilized, and trade liberalization faces stubborn opposition from Japanese fishing and agricultural interests. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Malaysian State Visit

Malaysian King and Queen arrived June 16 for 10-day state visit; were met at airport by Emperor, Empress, PriMin Ikeda and FonMin Ohira, as well as by Malaysian PriMin and Deputy PriMin. In informal meeting with press, King expressed belief Malaysian conflict can be resolved given goodwill on both sides and that Rahmann and Razak in Tokyo on mission of peace. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit receiving routine publicity. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

7. Asahi Poll: Preference for LDP Highest Since its Inauguration

Asahi Shinbun this week carried results of its public opinion poll of June 3, which showed LDP reaching highest percentage in its history (44% vs. 41% in June 1963). JSP was down one per cent to 23%; DSP received 4%, JCP - 1%, and Koseiren (Soka Gakkai) - 2%. Support for Ikeda Cabinet dropped 5% from 1963 level to present 38%. Thirty-four per cent felt Ikeda should continue to hold LDP presidency while 41% felt someone else should take over. Among those named as possible successors (SATO, FUJIYAMA, KONO), however, none received more than 7 or 8%. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Asahi's handling of poll results seemed calculated to enhance Ikeda's image as durable popular leader; one prominent graph, for example, showed his support as greater than his predecessors at equivalent stage of office tenure. This favorable play supports rumor of strong Asahi support for Ikeda. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYOMILITARY8. Self-Defense Force Role in Niigata Disaster Relief

Ground Self-Defense Force responded immediately to disaster, sending infantry, engineer, and other units numbering 5,600 personnel, with 16,000 more alerted to move on call. Maritime Self-Defense Force dispatched 13 vessels with emergency food and medical supplies, and Japanese Maritime Safety Agency (Coast Guard) provided 11 vessels.

USCG LORAN Station in Niigata lost locally-supplied water and electrical power but remained fully operational. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Immediate response by SDF was impressive and eliminated any need request major aid from U.S. Forces Japan. While contributions to disaster relief serve useful purpose in increasing public acceptance of SDF, related publicity tends to emphasize "disaster relief corps" role rather than military character of SDF. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. MSA Training Cruise

MSA Training Ship KOJIMA will sail from Tokyo June 19 on maiden voyage to Honolulu, San Francisco, and Hilo, Hawaii. KOJIMA, MSA's newest and most modern vessel, will visit various U.S. Coast Guard activities in Hawaii and San Francisco. Total complement of KOJIMA will be 95, including 32 MSA cadets. Will return Tokyo August 12. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Routine annual training cruise. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. CinC Argentine Army Visits Japan

Lieutenant General Juan Carlos ONGANIA, Commander-in-Chief of Argentine Army, arrived Monday, June 15, from Taiwan. During his stay in Japan he called on Emperor and PriMin and visited Japan Defense Agency. General Ongania departs for Hawaii June 20. Present plans are to spend two days in Hawaii, one in Los Angeles, then depart for Guatemala. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. Diet Session Ends, Pre-Convention Maneuvering Under Way

End of extended regular session of Diet June 26 seemed likely occasion intensification of political maneuvering looking toward LDP presidential election at party convention July 10-11. Not only are IKEDA's likely opponents (Aichiro FUJIYAMA and Eisaku SATO) now free to devote selves even more fully to efforts cut into Ikeda's coalition of centrist factions, but also ending of session without major legislative

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accomplishment--not even ILO-87 ratification--gives rivals new ammunition for shooting at Ikeda's "do-nothing" record. Last minute appeals by Justice Minister Okinori KAYA and some others to three rivals to talk things over and avert divisive contest seem foredoomed to failure; most people expect three-way race, and most would agree as of now that Ikeda holds commanding lead in terms of factional strengths, but opinions differ on whether Ikeda can get absolute majority on first ballot. Sato of course hopes to block first-ballot win and by so doing shatter Ikeda's prestige and his coalition. As of now, smart money is still on first-ballot win for Ikeda. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Sixth failure in six years to ratify ILO Convention 87 seems to have hurt Ikeda little if at all, probably because many LDP members were secretly (some not so secretly) pleased to see measure shelved. Failure to reach settlement with ROK being attributed to ROK internal problems rather than Ikeda's handling, and issue of Japan-ChiCom relations having receded from forefront of concern, main lines of attack against Ikeda are "do-nothing" accusation and guilt-by-association with Ichiro KONO, bete-noire of LDP conservatives. With only this to go on, it seems improbable Sato can block first-ballot win by Ikeda, and, even if he could, doubtful that Sato could then go on to win run-off. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Election Law Revision

Lower House on June 19 passed revision of Public Election Law which increases number of Lower House seats from 467 to 486. Bill is designed to redress imbalance in ratio of voters to Diet seats in under-represented urban districts. Revision was supported by LDP-JSP, opposed by smaller parties (DSP-JCP), who, while approving of increase in number of seats, will be disadvantaged in districts that are to be split. Bill was sent immediately to Upper House, where passage before Diet closes June 26 considered virtual certainty. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: This revision is short-range expedient, designed to relieve imbalance in a few grossly under-represented districts. More sweeping solution of redistribution problem would involve transferring seats from over-represented rural districts to "progressive" strongholds in urban-industrial centers, and is opposed by sizeable element within LDP. Current bill sidesteps this problem by increasing total membership of Diet. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. JSP Mission Leaves for Moscow

High-level JSP mission headed by SecGen NARITA (Deputy Chief is International Bureau Director WADA) departs June 27 on two week visit to Soviet Union at invitation CPSU, followed by shorter visits to Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Italy and France. In Moscow, JSP scheduled to confer with Khrushchev, Suslov, and Mikoyan. Despite determination JSP

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Central Executive Committee that mission should not become involved in Sino-Soviet dispute, clear that Socialists will support doctrine of "peaceful coexistence" and other elements of Soviet revisionism. JSP hopes to obtain unequivocal Soviet backing for anti-nuclear organization and rally JSP is sponsoring this summer in competition with JCP-dominated Gensuikyo. Delegation also plans to discuss with Soviets such concrete issues as return of "northern territories", Siberian development, fisheries and airline problems. Visit to Eastern European countries will be largely devoted to sightseeing and exchange of views with leaders, and may prove educational for Socialists. Mission dominated by relatively enlightened members of mainstream, but they may still find Eastern European attitudes more liberal than their own.

Partly to balance mission to Moscow, unofficial five man team headed by anti-mainstream (pro-ChiCom) leader Kozo Sasaki leaves for two week visit to Peiping on June 28. Composed entirely of anti-mainstreamers, Peiping mission is to "prepare way" for official mission later this year, to which JSP is committed. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Fact that such high level JSP mission is going to Moscow reflects ascendancy of revisionist mainstream, which had to overcome strong objections from pro-ChiCom minority which fears, probably with justification, that as result of trip relations with ChiCom will deteriorate further. JSP likely to emphasize talks on such concrete issues as "northern territories" issue (i.e. Kuriles) to demonstrate its mature responsibility and ability to defend national interest. In view standing JSP pledge to work for "dissolution of US-Japan Security Treaty", which it views as counterpart to Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Assistance, JSP reportedly will be particularly interested in learning current Soviet attitude toward latter.

Remains questionable whether official JSP mission to Peiping will take place owing to ChiCom hostility toward JSP mainstream. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Socialist Diet Member Visiting Indochina

Extreme left-wing, pro-ChiCom JSP Diet member Haruo OKADA departed June 23 for visit to South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Okada got FonOff to arrange meeting with French Ambassador Dennery to seek help in setting up contacts. Okada trip not endorsed by JSP, let alone GOJ. Likely that Okada will go to North Vietnam or ComChina, or both, after Cambodia. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Highly unusual for someone as much identified with communist causes as Okada to want to visit South Vietnam. (Did you say South, asked FonMin OHIRA when he heard about it). Okada spearheaded JSP opposition to reparations agreement with South Vietnam, is officer and member of numerous front organizations, and has close ties with ChiComs. JSP wants to promote Indo-Chinese neutralization and Okada undoubtedly hopes to gather ammunition for use against GOJ and US in Diet interpellations. FonOff aid in arranging

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call on Denney of course does not imply official GOJ interest in French neutralization scheme, was merely normal courtesy to Diet member.
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5. Ryukyuan Government Problem

Director General of Prime Minister's Office called at Embassy June 19 and gave us "request for political stabilization in Okinawa." Press interest in Okinawan political crisis, including DirGen's call, has now subsided. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: DirGen's submission of "request" constituted expression of high level GOJ concern and expression of hope U.S. authorities could calm down political activities of OLDP. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Maphilindo Summit Ends

President Macapagal of Phipippines, President Sukarno of Indonesia and Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman of Malaysia concluded week-long meeting with Joint Statement issued June 20. Statement said Macapagal had proposed four-nation Afro-Asian Conciliation Commission he established to study existing problems between the three countries and recommend solutions. Sukarno accepted, but Tunku accepted only in principle, adding proviso that all acts of hostility against Malaysia must cease, which Sukarno turned down. Thus, meeting ended with situation about where it began except for agreement that Foreign Ministers directed to continue study of proposal so that heads of government could meet again at appropriate time. In speech before Foreign Correspondents Club June 22, Macapagal emphasized desirability to press for establishment Conciliation Commission in order head off further hostilities.

Japanese role confined to providing venue of meeting. Vice Foreign Minister ODA called in Indonesian Ambassador and Malaysian DCM (Ambassador being absent) June 23 and informed them of GOJ concern re continuation hostilities and recriminations and expressed hope that peaceful way could be found to settle their differences. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese recognize that there is little they can do in present circumstances, but are prepared to utilize what influence they have to calm situation down. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Aid to Korea Discussed

Discussions between FonOff and Koreans concerning economic assistance to ROK continued June 24 and 25 with return of Korean Mission Counselor LEE Kew Sung from consultations in Seoul. Charge called on Vice Foreign Minister ODA June 24 and presented U.S. views on nature Japanese assistance (Embtel 3933). Oda agreed with U.S. arguments against supplying consumer goods, said GOJ would be willing to consider loans for industrial development, but cited GOJ

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difficulties with certain of Korean requests, including proposals for trade liberalization. Press reported Charge's call and said he had presented U.S. view which corresponded to ROK view that assistance be directed toward providing raw materials and parts required for operation of idle plant facilities rather than food and consumer goods. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: GOJ looking for means provide impact aid to alleviate what considers very serious economic situation. It is now studying Korean proposals. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Malayan King and Queen End State Visit

Malayan King and Queen ended 10-day state visit June 25. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit attracted moderate publicity but little editorial comment, competing for news space with Maphilindo summit (Item 6). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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9. Burmese Armed Forces Attache Dies

Colonel Sithu TUN SEIN, Burmese Military Attache, died June 23 after operation for ulcers. Colonel TUN SEIN was mayor of Rangoon during first military government of Burma in 1958. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None


10. ChiCom Merchant Ship Arrives

ChiCom merchant ship LIAO YUAN (6,900 tons), unlike last year's "GREAT LEAP FORWARD" (1963 WEEKA No. 18, Item 7) which, while en route Japan, sank after striking reef southwest of Korea (its master claimed he was torpedoed by unidentified submarine), safely arrived Moji June 21. LIAO YUAN is first ChiCom ship to come to Japan. Crew members prohibited by Japanese Immigration from going ashore in Moji, but ship was visited by leftist groups.

LIAO YUAN arrived Tokyo June 24 and was berthed at Harumi Pier; crew taken ashore for tour of Tokyo. At ChiCom's request, tour passed in vicinity/ U.S. military installations. Ship reportedly brought 5,000 tons of grain (variously reported as corn and maize), 300 tons of peanut cake and 30 tons general cargo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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